



Newsletter

2nd Quarter 2020



Coronavirus Impacts

Cancelled

32nd Annual Pride Week Breakfast

Out of an abundance of caution and with great sadness, the Dignity/Seattle Board of Directors has decided to cancel our 33rd Annual Pride Week Breakfast and raffle. We are sad because this is a time of gathering and seeing old friends; and with social distancing, this just would not work. We are also sad because we will not be making the money we make each year for our favorite charities (this year was to be Food Lifeline, Youth Care and Dignity/Seattle). But our members' and friends' health and safety are more important at this time. You are encouraged to give as you can to your favorite charity instead.

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Second Quarter Brunch

Our Second Quarter Birthday and Anniversary gathering will also be cancelled.

On hold

D/Seattle's Food Lifeline Volunteer Night Thursday, June 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 815 - 96th St, Seattle WA 98108 (South Park)

While Food Lifeline has cancelled all volunteer sessions through May 31, a decision on June events has not been made. Please look for a Dignity/Seattle notification later in May or the first week in June.

On hold

D/Seattle's Annual Summer Picnic Sunday, August 23 Lower Woodland Park, Shelter #7

A final decision on holding the event will depend on social distancing directives from the state and local authorities.

DUSA Liturgies during Coronavirus lockdown

Both Dignity/Washington and Dignity/New York are offering online liturgies as of early May. Please check with the respective chapter for updated schedules or links.



In this time of physical distancing, Dignity/Washington invites you to celebrate Mass with us virtually. We will continue to produce a Mass for each Sunday while we are unable to meet in person to celebrate with LGBTQ Catholics around the country.

Mass each week is made with contributions from Dignity members around the US and following safe procedures. Each Sunday, the Mass will be posted online to our [Dignity/Washington Facebook Page](#) and our Dignity/Washington YouTube by 10 a.m.

With this reach, we want to showcase all the chapters of DignityUSA in different ways for as long as we are doing services in this way. We want our weekly Masses not to just be Dignity/Washington, but also other chapters. If you are willing to contribute as a reader for a service please reach out to christopherflow@gmail.com. We will also be reaching out to chapters to showcase what you are doing where possible.

We look forward to celebrating and worshipping with you.

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We provide a safe environment for people to reconcile our God-given gifts of sexual orientation and our Catholic faith through gay-affirming activities and/or liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.

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1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St), Vancouver. tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com.

For information about other D/V events, please visit <http://dignitycanada.org/vancouver.html>.

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Dignity/New York hosts a virtual liturgy starting at 6:30 p.m. EST (3:30 PST) every Sunday. Here is how to join by Zoom or phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/231599312?pwd=bHJMT1NZOEtERE1oOTQwdS84NU45Zz09>

For those joining by phone or through an app, you will need meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: 231 599 312

Password: 333 333

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At 7:00 p.m. Eastern, they will pause to thank the essential workers and invite everyone who attends the liturgy to do so. The meeting room will open at 6:00 p.m. EST (3:00 p.m. PST). To receive the weekly worship aid, be added to our distribution list or ask a question, email us at OnlinePrayer@dignityny.org.

Please consider a donation to [DignityUSA](#), [Dignity/New York](#) or to [your local community](#).

Your generosity will ensure our communities will continue to provide critical services and life-changing support in the months ahead.

We are using Zoom for our Dignity/New York Online Liturgy and member sponsored events.

Don't miss a minute of our events! If you need help email ZoomHelp@DignityNY.org, our members are ready to help you get up and running.

A Mother's Day letter to Dignity/Seattle Members, Family, Friends and Allies

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and to all who nurture, love and care for others. I hope you are all well and as happy as can be during this time of unknowns and stress. This Coronavirus has sure affected us all and changed our lives. New phrases have become the normal – Stay home-stay healthy, PPEs, Out of the abundance of caution, Zoom meetings and so many others. As I watch the news I am saddened as the daily count of those affected and those who have succumbed to this virus continues to rise. I am angered at those who selfishly ignore the distancing and face mask rules for their own pleasure and benefits. And I am angered and disappointed with our political and business leaders who callously put money ahead of people's lives. Especially when my wife and niece and so many others put their lives on the line every day to care for those who are infected with this virus.

But at the same time, I am encouraged and heartened. The phrase that has brought me so much joy and hope is - Neighbors helping Neighbors. So many people have opened their heart and opened their eyes to the needs of others in a much wider manner than pre-COVID-19. Big and little acts of kindness and helping hands are being offered everywhere. Recognition is being given to those with jobs we never paid attention to before now. Little acts of kindness, a helping hand, donations and so many other acts of standing strong and standing together are popping up. I just hope and pray that as we starting moving our lives back towards what was normal, that we don't lose sight of these good acts, this sense of caring for others.

Another blessing from this pandemic – our earth is healing. Our staying home around the world is giving our planet and air a much-needed respite. Do you suppose the environment is teaching us a lesson? Will we learn from it?

In trying to find joyful ways of staying home and staying healthy, my sister and her teenage kids challenged us to a dance-off. They sent a video of the four of them doing dance moves together and challenged us to do the same. So, we took the song "Staying Alive" (an old BeeGees favorite) and changed the words. I can't send the video – it would have you rolling in laughter, but here are the words we used. Hope it brings a chuckle to your day.

Well you can tell by the way I use my walk no time to stop, no time to talk

On my way to wash my hands - Twenty seconds minimum

It's alright, it will be OK - we just can't look the other way

Masks and gloves now when we go - The CoVid effect is on us all

Whether you're a brother or whether you're a mother

We're staying at home, staying alive

Disinfecting, TP hoarding - We're staying at home, staying alive

Ah, ah, ah, ah, staying at home, staying alive

Ah, ah, ah, ah, staying at home, staying at home, staying at home, staying at home

Stay safe, Stay well, Stay happy. Peace,
Paula

