

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2024***

Everyone is welcome to join us in person at St. John's or on Zoom
06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens at 6:00 PM.

Link is at the end of the announcements. When you log on for Liturgy, you will be placed in a waiting room, please log on before liturgy and make sure your name is associated at login to make sure you are in the room as liturgy begins. We will not admit anyone who has a cryptic identification for the safety of the broadcast.

Zoom Instructions and Preparation

- Before signing into Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name and where you're joining us from in your caption.
- Please be prepared to share Eucharist with us.
- We invite everyone to have bread and wine / grape juice present if you are able to and feel comfortable doing so. We are called to share in the priesthood of all believers in this Eucharistic celebration.
- Bread recipes are available on our [website Liturgy page](#).
- Mute mic and chat functions help to optimize your experience during the liturgy.

Dignity/New York gathers proudly as a faith community of Lesbian, gGay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Straight Catholics and our friends. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We welcome all to our liturgies regardless of their faith tradition, and all are invited to share in the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion. Our community has both ordained and lay presiders whom we have called forth to lead us during our liturgies.

As a progressive and inclusive Catholic community, we use gender-inclusive language. For example, you will notice that we use "All-loving God" instead of "Our Father" when reciting the Greatest Prayer. We make our best efforts to change our hymnals and printed materials as necessary, but they do not always reflect our use of gender-inclusive language. Please feel free to change any non-inclusive language as you prefer.

Also in the interest of inclusivity, our community has intentionally chosen to use the language of the Mass prior to the revision of the Roman Missal in 2011.

WELCOME:

Presider and Homilist: Bob Anthony

HYMN: Take Up Your Cross

GC 698

1. Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
And let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death
Upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
And calmly ev'ry danger brave:
It guides you to a better home
And leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, a

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 116: Our Blessing Cup

GC 107

Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of the Lord.

1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all God has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.

Our blessing-cup...

2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord
is the death of the faithful ones;
and I am your servant, your chosen one,
for you have set me free.

Our blessing-cup...

3. Unto your name I will offer my thanks
for the debt that I owe to you.
In the presence of all who have called on your name,
in the courts of the house of the Lord.
Our blessing-cup...

Text: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-19; Marty Haugen, 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

=]SECOND READING: James 2:14-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia GC 258

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27-35 Bob Anthony

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Bob Anthony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Christ, hear us.

PRESENTATION HYMN: There Is a Balm in Gilead GC 648

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.

There is a balm...

2. If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say, 'He died for all!'

There is a balm...

3. Don't ever feel discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.

There is a balm...

Text: Jeremiah 8:22, African-American spiritual

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

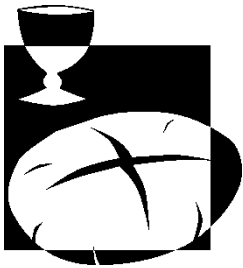
Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

GC166

God of power and tenderness, we praise you through your Son, Christ Jesus, who comes in your name.

Jesus is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you stretch out to sinners, the way that leads to your peace.

Eternal God, we had wandered far from you, but through your beloved One, you have brought us back. You gave him up to death so that we might turn to you and find our way to one another. And so we celebrate the reconciliation Christ has gained for us.



We ask you to sanctify these gifts by the power of your Spirit, as we now fulfill Jesus' command.

While he was at supper on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread into his hands and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup and giving thanks to you, said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

(PAUSE)

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Memorial Acclamation:

GC 167C

Eternal God, your only One has entrusted to us this pledge of love. We celebrate the memory of Jesus' death and resurrection and bring you the gift you have given us, the sacrifice of reconciliation.

Fill us with the Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May the Spirit take away all that divides us. May this Spirit keep us always in communion with our pope, our bishops, the leaders of our community, and the people of God everywhere. Make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

You have gathered us here around the table of our Savior, in communion with Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints and all those who have gone before us in faith. In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, every language, and every way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus our Savior.

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen

GC 168

Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours All-loving (Almighty) God, for ever and ever.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen!

THE GREATEST PRAYER: **GC 183**
(please begin "Our Ever-loving God, who art in Heaven...")

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God* **GC 171**

COMMUNION: *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

COMMUNION HYMN: **Pan de Vida** **GC 848**

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del SeÑor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this table the last shall be first, poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

1. We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God.

Pan de Vida...

2. Ustedes me llaman 'SeÑor,' me inclino a lavarles los pies:
Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviéndose unos a otros.

Pan de Vida...

3. There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free:
there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God.

Pan de Vida...

Text: John 13:1-15, Galatians 3:28-29; Bob Hurd, b.1950, and Pia Moriarty, © 1988, Bob Hurd and Pia Moriarty. Published by OCP Publications.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** **GC 622**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion,
Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation,
Let your love in us endure.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more your temples leave.
Lord, we would be always blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise you without ceasing,
Glory in your precious love.

3. Finish then your new creation,
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord,
Let us see your great salvation
Perfectly in you restored.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we sing before the almighty
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Announcements and Acknowledgement

We encourage those who are Zoom to stay on after the closing song to chat. Those at St. John's, please bring hymn book and any extra papers to the sacristy please exit through the common room.

DignityNY will have a healing service during the liturgy on Sunday, September 29, 2024

DignityNY will celebrate its 52nd Anniversary Liturgy on Sunday, October 20, 2024, Guest Homilist and this year's Gormley-Spokes Award recipient will be Sr. Jeannine Gramick, SL. After the liturgy, there will be a Gala Reception. Look for more details within the next week on how to be counted so that we have enough food.

DignityNY will celebrate All Saints and All Souls on Sunday, October 27, 2024.

Liturgy Committee will meet the second Monday [October's meeting will be on October 15th at 7 pm due to the holiday] at 7:30 pm on Zoom. No meeting in August. All are welcome. The Liturgy Committee is looking for more committee members. Meeting ID: 952 513 812 Passcode: 998088

We are recruiting a few more people for the Liturgy Committee. The monthly meeting has been the second Monday lasting about 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours. Prior knowledge of liturgy is helpful but not necessary. We would train and/or point you to materials that will help you. Other responsibilities may include certain liturgies have a liturgy committee present to assist as a behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on Zoom. No meeting in August. All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 69737

Check out [DignityUSA.org](https://www.dignityusa.org) for Young Adult upcoming activities

The Gay Rights Bill digital exhibit has launched on the LaGuardia & Wagner Archives website. 25 people were interviewed for the project, which includes 100+ clips from the oral histories. The exhibit is divided into ten themes and oral histories discussing Dignity's role in the Bill are included in the "Religion" section.

https://www.laguardiawagnerarchive.lagcc.cuny.edu/EdPrograms/LGBTQ_Exhibits.aspx?Exhibit=1986-Gay-Rights-Bill

Our website is working now. If you see issues with the website, let Lewis know. If you or anyone you know who knows PHP and Drupal, please give Lewis a call or send an email using dignitynewyorkddk@gmail.com. We are looking to convert our website to Wordpress or similar platform. If anyone has experience with other platforms, please let Lewis know.

Chapter Steering Committee Elections have begun. Ballots were sent to all members with an email address on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 7 am. If you requested a paper ballot or did not have an email with DignityUSA, the Elections Committee sent a paper ballot. Anyone who renews or joins before September 22, 2024. Email your new or renewal acknowledgement to ballot@dignityny.org so that a ballot can emailed.

You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc . using Zelle. You can send to the email address treasurer@dignityny.org. Suggestion:to ensure that you set everything accurately, do a test by sending \$1.00. In Notes, write your name and any details that are important to your donation.

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Theatre Outing

Michael LaCarrubba and Richard Ferrara are organizing a theater outing to Communion, a play by Matthew LaBanca at the Cell Theater on West 23 St. Sunday, November 17, 2024, 3:00 pm curtain. See them for details.

2024 ELECTIONS NOTICE

The members of Dignity/NY are invited to participate in the annual election of the Steering Committee of Dignity/NY, the governing body of Dignity/NY, pursuant to the bylaws of this Chapter and vote for candidates standing for election to the Steering Committee.

NOMINATING PETITIONS for prospective candidates were available available online from **Sunday, August 25, 2024 until Thursday, September 12, 2024**. Under 7.2 of our bylaws, up to five (5) people are up for election in years that end in an odd number and up to four (4) people will be elected in even numbers years. People are elected for two-year terms.

The terms of four current Steering Committee members (Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin and Lewis Speaks-Tanner) will expire on October 31, 2024 while the terms of three elected last year (Robert Brande, James Osbourn & Jeff Stone) will continue for one more year.

- Under 4.1, our bylaws envision a Steering Committee of nine (9) people, although that is not a requirement. However, there must be a minimum of five (5) members. Therefore, up to six (6) people may be elected to serve on the Steering Committee this year, four (4) for two-year terms that will expire on October 31, 2026 and two (2) for one-year terms that will expire on October 31, 2025.

WHO MAY STAND FOR ELECTION

Under 8.5 of our bylaws, any person who has been a member of Dignity/NY or Dignity USA for one year within the month of election and who has not been removed from any position within the organization for cause may stand as a candidate for the Steering Committee upon submission of a valid Petition of Nomination. The Elections Committee shall accept as valid any Petition of Nomination signed by ten (10) members in good standing so long it has been received before commencement of the Candidates Forum.

WHO MAY VOTE

All people who are enrolled as members of Dignity/NY upon the night elections conclude may vote. Persons who are not carried as current members on the most recent Dignity USA roster may join, renew or be reinstated as members on or before **Sunday, September 22** and may vote. If you feel your membership has lapsed or have any questions about membership, you should email Elections@dignityny.org.

THE FOLLOWING ARE DATES OF IMPORTANCE IN OUR 2024 CYCLE OF ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 @ 7PM– A CANDIDATES FORUM will be conducted online via **ZOOM**. People who wish to offer themselves for election will have an opportunity to present their programs and or/respond to question from their peers and members of our online congregation. (8.7) Candidates may also post written statements on our website. Election Buddy (a simple online app very much like Survey Monkey) will be sent out ASAP after the Forum to all members of record. If you can vote electronically via Election Buddy, you are requested to do so for ease of counting votes. Anyone with questions about their ballot should email Elections@dignityny.org.

REQUESTS FOR PAPER MAIL-IN BALLOTS must be received by the Elections Committee no later than **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**. This request must be done either online at Elections@dignityny.org (please type “MAIL-IN BALLOT” in the subject line) or phone Ben Speaks-Tanner at 703-864-1724. **Mail-In Ballots must be postmarked by Saturday, September 21, 2024 and received no later than midnight Friday, September 27, 2024**. Please mail them back as soon as possible after receiving them.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: ELECTIONS CONCLUDE Currently enrolled members of Dignity/NY must vote either online before 11PM on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024** or by Mail-In Ballot as described above. (8.2)

YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE BECAUSE your name appears on the most recent membership roster received from Dignity USA. This qualifies you as an Elector of Dignity/NY under 8.8 of our bylaws. Please note below your expiration date (as of August 9, 2024) which indicates that if your membership has lapsed within the past three months, under the Dignity/NY’s traditional grace period, you still may vote.

Please note that the information below comes from the latest Dateline. Anyone can sign up for the DignityUSA Dateline as well as the Breath of the Spirit (which is reflection for the coming week’s readings. Go to DignityUSA.org to sign up. The blue boxes with a “?” Indicates that there is a graphic. They did not come over with cut and paste. To see photos, please sign up for Dateline.

Here’s the news from DignityUSA. We hope you are having a fun and safe summer!

Sr. Theresa Kane's Celebration of Life



On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, members of the church reform and renewal community—including DignityUSA—gathered in virtual community to show love, respect, admiration, and gratitude for Sister Theresa Kane, RSM. Click the button below to watch the video.

[Watch Now](#)

Book Chat: *Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions* with editors Ish Ruiz and Mark Guevarra



Join us for a discussion of the new book *Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions*. Editors Ish Ruiz and Mark Guevarra, along with people featured in the book, will share stories and insights into the experience of Queer people working in Catholic schools and parishes. Read the book (available from [New Ways Ministry](#) or [Amazon](#)) and be part of this important conversation on the intersection of vocation, identity, law, church teaching and Catholic

[Register Now](#)

Spirit Unbounded Online North American Continental Synod



As part of Spirit Unbounded's series of online international presentations being hosted by global reform leaders, North America will have a live online presentation on September 16 at 2:00pm ET/11:00am PT and a recorded presentation 8:00pm ET/5:00pm PT in cooperation with other geographical regions of the world. Panelists include Future Church, Association of US Catholic Priests, DignityUSA, Concerned Lay Catholics of Canada, Catholics for Choice, Canadians for Women's Equality (CNWE), and the Association of Women Catholic Priests (recorded). Join to learn about the reform movement in this part of the world. All are welcome. The link to sign on is <https://zoom.us/j/2429500175> and password is *spirit*.

Click the button below to see a calendar of all upcoming online pre-synodal conversations.

[See Calendar](#)

New Issue of The Corner from the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics



In this edition, the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics reflects on the Vatican's statement on blessings for couples in LGBTQIA+ relationships, revisits the Paris Olympics' controversial opening ceremony and shares the experiences of parents of gay and transgender children. Also shared: the Latin American Youth Ministry meeting in Paraguay, the Pope's meeting with an activist against LGBTQIA+ criminalization in Uganda, as well as "The African Corner," a new section featuring news and insights from the African continent. Click below to read The Corner.

[Read Now](#)

2025 National Conference News



Preregistration will be closing this Fall, but there's still time to reserve your space and get a discount on the registration fee.

[Preregister Now](#)

Dignity Denver 50th Anniversary Celebration



Dignity Denver will celebrate the chapter's 50th Anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15.

Half A Century of Dignity: Honoring our Legacy in Denver

Reception - Saturday, September 14, 6 - 9 p.m. MT

Mass - Sunday, September 15, 5 p.m. MT

There will be an opportunity for participants to make comments or tell stories about the history of the chapter and what the chapter has meant to them. There is no cost for the reception, but people interested in attending are asked to email the chapter leadership at info@dignitydenver.org. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks will be served. There will be a social gathering after Mass on Sunday, September 15. All are welcome!

[Email Dignity Denver](#)

Dignity Twin Cities 50th Anniversary Celebration



Join Dignity Twin Cities for dinner as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary at 6:00pm CT on October 26. Click below to get tickets.

[Get Tickets](#)



DignityUSA

www.dignityusa.org

DignityUSA works for respect and justice for people of all sexual orientations, genders, and gender identities—especially gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual and intersex persons—in the Catholic Church and the world through education, advocacy, and support.

Thank you for subscribing to Dateline.

Please consider [making a donation](#) to help support our mission. We are grateful for your contribution!

DignityUSA mailing address has changed. It is now
DignityUSA
51 Pleasant St. #1107
Malden, MA 02148

If you have automatic payments that are sent to our mailing address, please be sure to update your bank or financial institution to reflect this change. Thank you!

For those who are unable to watch Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke's keynote "Learning from Dignity: 50 Years of Ministry with LGBTQ Catholics" at the Outreach Conference you can click the link below.

[Watch Keynote](#)

Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to DignityUSA.org to sign the beloved by God Declaration. Take a moment to look up transgender history, make a donation, honor a transgender person today.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

Volunteering at Liturgies

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for our liturgy: help open and close the church, reader, Eucharistic minister, coordinator, sacristan or tech person, we are always looking for volunteers. Please let Larry Caputo or Lewis Speaks-Tanner know you are interested. Volunteer@dignityny.org

THE CHOIR is seeking new members. Speak to our Choir Director, **Norine**, if interested. • Auditions and Choir Practice will be in the choir loft at St. John's ½ hour before liturgy.

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Come to the Table: Catholic Worship for All - **3rd Sunday** of the month • **10:30 am to 12 Noon**. For more information, email **Patricia Russell** at ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org

DefendersUSA Leather & Kink caucus, meets the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 8:30 pm ET. Talk to Lewis Speaks-Tanner or Tom McLoughlin for more details.

For Pride and all year long, take a look at Sean Collins' webpage, [Legends of Pride](#)

The Trevor Project

Crisis intervention and mental health services for those ages 13-24

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>
Crisis hotline: 866-488-7386 (for those ages 13-24)

Trans Lifeline (US) 877 565-8860 www.translifeline.org

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

24/7 hotline, staffed by trained individuals, for those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress
<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>
Crisis hotline: 800-273-TALK (8255); 888-628-9454 (en español)

The Dignity/New York community enjoys and values your company in the celebration of our liturgy each week. Donations to Dignity/New York can be made by using the “Donate Now” located on our website or use the link below:

<https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate>

We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York). By joining, you increase DignityUSA’s voice. <https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership>

For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at <https://dignityny.org/>

To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list, send an e mail dny@dignityny.org, or use the link on our home page.

To submit items for consideration for distribution via our electronic announcements postings, send them to dignitynewyork@gmail.com

Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](#) ; **Threads:** [dignity_ny](#); **Instagram:** [dignity_ny](#)

DIGNITY/NEW YORK IS A SAFE SPACE. Feel free to greet those around you and to social, remembering to respect every person’s comfort level. If anyone breaches your comfort level, please let a member of the Steering Committee know. (The members of the Steering Committee can be identified by the rainbow-colored name tags they wear).

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AT LITURGY. In keeping with our Safe Space policy, Dignity/New York is a place where privacy is respected. Our policy of many years is that the taking of photos or videos during liturgy or the social is not allowed without permission being given in advance by the Steering Committee. In these cases, the community will be notified in advance, and will be told where and when cameras will and will not be allowed to shoot. Personal or small group photos should be taken or posted to social media only with the permission of each person involved.

The link to join the meeting is

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

You will be put into a waiting room. Please join before liturgy begins so that you can participate.

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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