In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom
Liturgy for Transgender Day of Remembrance & the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time November 23, 2026

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.

You can always find the Zoom link for our liturgy on our website at www.dignityny.org. In the liturgy booklet, the link appears near the end of the announcements and just before the Eucharistic Prayers.

When you join us on Zoom, you will first enter a waiting room. We encourage you to come a few minutes early so that you are ready as liturgy begins. For everyone's safety, please be sure that your name is clearly entered so our hosts can recognize you and welcome you into the gathering.

As you arrive, we invite you to share your name, the pronouns you use, and where you are joining from in the chat. In this simple way, we make visible the many places and people who together form the Body of Christ.

If you would like, you may print or save the liturgy booklet to use again in future weeks. Each Eucharistic Prayer is marked at the top of its page (Community, #2, 7, 8, 9, or 10), and the page that follows will let you know which prayer we are using for that week's liturgy.

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Dignity/New York gathers as a faith community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Straight Catholics, along with our friends and companions on the journey. We celebrate the goodness of every person and welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. All are invited to share fully in our liturgies, and all are welcome to the table of Christ to receive the Body and Blood at Communion. At this time, our community is led by lay presiders whom we have called forth to guide us in prayer.

As a progressive and inclusive Catholic community, we are mindful in the language we use. For example, when we pray the Greatest Prayer—what many may know as the Lord's Prayer—we use the words "All-loving God" rather than "Our Father." Many times, the hymnals or printed materials may still contain outdated language, and we encourage you to use inclusive words that reflect your faith and dignity.

In the same spirit of inclusivity, our community has also chosen to continue using the language of the Mass as it was prayed before the 2011 revision of the Roman Missal.

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Presider: **Lewis Speaks-Tanner**
Homilist: **Ezekiel 34:11-12**
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**
Gospel: **Matthew 25:31-46**
Eucharistic Prayer: **# 10**

ORDER OF LITURGY

WELCOME:

GATHERING SONG: Now Thank We All Our God **GC 565**

1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

2. O may this gracious God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace,
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
Eternal, Triune God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Text: Nun danket alle Gott; Martin Rink

GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL: I Have Loved You **GC 504**

I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
   He will bring you his light and his peace.

I have loved you...

2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
   He will bring you his joy and his hope.

I have loved you...

3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
   He will bring you his care and his love.

I have loved you...

Text: Jeremiah 31:3, Psalm 24:3; Michael Joncas, b.1951, Š 1979, New Dawn Music. Published by OCP Publications.

SECOND READING:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia **GC198**

HOMILY/REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF COMMUNITY: *R/: Guide us, O God.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

PREPARATION SONG: Reading of the 62 transgender and gender fluid whose lives were cut short with a refrain

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: ***(****Can be found on pages 6 - 12. The Eucharistic Prayer number /name is at the top of the worship aid before the Opening Song)*.

ALL: ***Preface Acclamation:*** **Sanctus** **GC 201**

Memorial Acclamation: **GC 203**

Eucharistic Doxology And Admin. **GC 168**

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 207**

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

COMMUNION HYMN: I Myself Am the Bread of Life **GC 824**

Refrain
I myself am the bread of life.
You and I are the bread of life,
taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ
that the world might live.

1. This bread is spirit,
gift of the Maker's love,
and we who share it know that we can be one:
a living sign of God in Christ.

2. Here is God's kingdom
given to us as food.
This is our body, this is our blood:
a living sign of God in Christ.

3. Lives broken open,
stories shared aloud,
become a banquet, a shelter for the world:
a living sign of God in Christ.

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BLESSING:

SONG OF SENDING FORTH: All the Earth, Proclaim God's Glory `````````` **GC 552**

All the earth, proclaim God's glory. Sing with songs of love.
Music, dancing, new songs rising, God of beauty, God of splendor,
God of wonder and love.

1. Loving kindness to all nations. Peace across the land and sea.
Harps and cymbals sound the message, blend in harmony.

All the earth...

2. For the God of living splendor, God of mighty deeds,
keeps the promise to the faithful, breathing Spirit's peace.

All the earth...

3. Pour on us new clean water. Cleanse, refresh our souls.
Give to us a willing spirit. Heal us, make us whole.

All the earth...
Text: Mark Friedman and Bobby Fisher, b.1952, © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

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The Eucharistic Prayer - Community

(Based on Eucharistic Prayer II)\
(Preface below is for OrdinaryTime; otherwise it varies)

Presider: All-loving God, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give You thanks through Your beloved son Jesus Christ.

Christ is the Word through whom You made the universe, the Savior You sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.

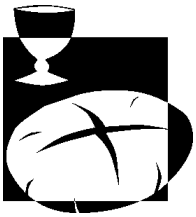
For our sake Christ opened his arms on the cross; put an end to death and revealed to us the resurrection.In doing so, Christ fulfilled Your will and has won for You a holy people.

And so, with one voice we proclaim your glory as we sing:

Preface Acclamation: ***Holy, holy, holy…***

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 (sung) (varies by liturgical season)

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

Eucharistic Prayer #2

Adapted by Fr. Joseph McOscar, from ICEL, An Original Eucharistic Prayer
Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Presider: Blessed are you Strong and Faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise. In the beginning, your word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created in your own image humankind, the crown of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we chant the ageless hymn of your glory.

ALL: ***Holy, holy, holy****…*

Presider: All Holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world.

ALL: As a loving parent tenderly gathers their children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last forever and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Presider: God most gracious, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us,

ALL: And over our earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved.

He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation: He broke the bread among his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: When Supper was ended:

ALL: Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, God of all creation; He passed the cup among his disciples and 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. t 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 faith.

ALL: *Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies by liturgical season)*

Presider: God most Holy, we commemorate Jesus, Your Beloved One, as we offer this sacrifice.

ALL: Death could not bind Him up, for You raised him up in the Spirit of Holiness and exalted him as the Source of all creation. May the coming again of Christ in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.

Presider: Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole Church offers thanks and praise, together with our Pope, our bishops, our Dignity leaders and all those who minister among your people, and those whose gifts and vocations are not yet recognized by your Church on earth.

ALL: We pray for ourselves here present and for all whose lives bring hope to this world. God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, especially those we remember in our hearts.

Presider: We pray for those who have died alone, unloved and unmourned. Gather them all into communion with Mary, the Mother of God, and with all your Saints.

ALL: Then, at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: *(sung by all)* Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God most holy) for ever and ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #7

Adapted from Marianne Duddy-Burke's Prayer for Mary of Magdala liturgy, 2002
Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Presider: It is right that we give you thanks and praise, loving God. You created this world, that you called good, and invited us to become its stewards. Even when we betrayed your trust, you chose to call us back to yourself, over and over again.

ALL: Your Word has been spoken throughout human history through those you called as prophets---some whom we would disregard, but whom you empowered with your passion for our salvation. As we gather around this table, we once again recall your breaking into our world, for our redemption, and your calling forth unlikely prophets to reveal your truth.

Presider: In joyful thanksgiving for your constant, faithful love, we join our voices in an unending hymn of praise:

ALL: ***Holy, holy, holy…***

Presider: In one of your peoples' darkest times, you raised up a light for all to see. While they were persecuted and enslaved by conquerors, you fulfilled a nation's longing for a Messiah who would defeat the powers of oppression. You gave us Jesus, who walked among us, trying to teach us to see as you see, to love as you love, to be as you are.

ALL: Jesus listened to the cries of the people, aching for freedom. He healed those bound by cruel disease. He answered those who were burdened with questions. He challenged those enslaved by the Law to understand its true teaching. He fed those who hungered, and awakened deeper thirsts.

Presider: He gathered a community around him, close friends with whom he shared all that God made known to him. It was with these closest friends and followers that Jesus shared a final meal.

ALL: As we come together in memory of that meal, we pray that God's Spirit will come upon these gifts, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. We remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus was at table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation. He broke the bread, shared it with his friends and said, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you." **(PAUSE)**

Presider: When supper was ended

ALL: Jesus took a cup of wine, and gave thanks to you, God of all creation. He passed the cup among his friends and 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.t 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 faith.

ALL: *Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies by liturgical season)*

Presider: We celebrate this feast in memory of Jesus, our brother and Savior. We honor the memory of those who shared his earthly ministry, and became the first bearers of the sacred Christian tradition, which has been passed through the ages and is now entrusted to us. We treasure our faith in the resurrection, and the new life birthed in us.

ALL: God Most Holy, keep us faithful to your dreams for us, faithful to your Word alive in us. Help us to hear your voice calling each of us to discipleship and to service in your name. Strengthen us to follow your call, despite sanction, ridicule, and rules that may seem to limit the possibilities before us.

Presider: We pray in thanksgiving, O God, that you have brought us into loving community. We are thankful for those who have worked throughout the years to create this community, for those who gather with us today, and for those who will join the circle in days to come. We recall those whom we love who are no longer with us, and pray for the peace of their souls. We pray for all who seek the fullness of your vision here on earth, and for everyone who works for fuller justice in our world and our Church.

ALL: May the vision of unity that Jesus put forth to his disciples be fulfilled in our day. Let this meal nourish us to go into the world to heal and serve one another in the service of your Word. All of this we ask through Christ, our Savior.

ALL: *(sung by all; varies)* Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God Most Holy), for ever and ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #8

Adapted from ICEL, "Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II"
Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Presider: Compassionate One, all-powerful and ever-living God, we praise and thank you through Christ Jesus for your presence and action in the world. You are a God of love and mercy, always

ready to forgive. We constantly fall short of your vision for us--we stumble, we falter, we hurt one another--and you invite us again to trust in your mercy.

ALL: In the midst of conflict and division, we know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace. The Spirit changes our hearts: enemies begin to speak to one another, those who were estranged join hands in friendship, aand nations seek the way of peace together. The Spirit is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. For this we never cease to thank and praise you.

Presider: Now, with all the choirs of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of your praise:

ALL: ***Holy, holy, holy…***

Presider: God of power and tenderness, we praise you through 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.

ALL: 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.

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

ALL: On the evening before his suffering and death, Jesus took bread into his hands, he blessed you, and broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples with the words:

Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: After supper,

ALL: 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: Eternal God, your only begotten 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. And so together, we proclaim our Easter faith:

ALL: *Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies by liturgical season)*

Presider: Fill us with the Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May the Spirit take away all that divides us. May this Spirit bless our Dignity community, and bring us to that day when we will share this table with N., the bishop of Rome. Keep us in communion with all who serve and lead your people. Make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

ALL: You have gathered us here around the table of our Savior, in communion with Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints. We pray for our departed family and friends whom we commend to your mercy. In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language, and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus our Savior.

ALL: *(sung by all; varies)* Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God Most Holy, forever and ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #9

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

ALL: From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for their children, you would not forget us.

Presider: Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with the saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

ALL: ***Holy, holy, holy…***

ALL: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Presider: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

ALL: Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take this all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you." ***(Pause)***

Presider: As supper was ending,

ALL: Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to You, gave it to his friends, and 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)***

ALL: *Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies by liturgical season)*

Presider: Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to You our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. May the Spirit take away all that divides us.

ALL: 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.

ALL: *(sung by all; varies)* Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #10

"Healing," by Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu, used with his permission.
Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Presider: Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, Holy Spirit, who enlivens and inebriates all that exists, we beseech your healing power upon us and upon all we pray for today.

ALL: Down through the ages, you rescue us from darkness. You light up our ways with wise and holy people. You restore our lost fortunes and you revive our dwindling hope.

Presider: For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek amid pain and suffering, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation to sing our hymn of praise:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy… *(varies by liturgical season)*

Presider: Source of our health and wholeness, healer of body, mind, and spirit, we bring before you the darkness of our world, and the pain and suffering of your people.

We seek to be healed and made whole; we seek to be reconciled and united; we seek peace in our hearts and in our world.

We ask you to awaken anew in our hearts the empowering grace of your abundant Spirit, who infuses these gifts of bread and wine with the transforming energy of life, to nourish and sustain us in our time of need.

That same bread, Jesus took and broke, to restore the unity of our broken world.

ALL: Jesus blessed you, God of healing and hope, then, along with the cup,
Jesus shared the bread with those at table saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my Body which will be given up for you. ***(Pause)***

Presider: Then offering the cup of libation, poured out for the liberation of all,

ALL: Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup in a spirit of mutual solidarity saying:

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: In faith and hope we are sustained, In grace our dignity reclaimed, In praise we thank our God.

ALL: *Memorial Acclamation (sung)* *(varies by liturgical season)*

Presider: As we gather around this Eucharistic table, we recall God's blessing and love from ages past, and we celebrate anew the gift of life which we share among us at this Eucharistic feast.

May the Spirit of life and wholeness, who transforms the gifts we present, transform us, too, that we may be refreshed in our inner being and be empowered to bring mercy, love and healing to those whose lives we touch.

ALL: The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of our world of abundance where all are invited to partake of the fullness of life. But that life we often impede by our greed and selfishness, and by our exploitation of other people.

So grant, that in union with all peoples, living and dead, we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can

live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, whose abundance is offered to each and to all, until God's reign arrives in the fullness of time.

Presider: This prayer we make in the name of our healing and nurturing God, through, with and in whom we offer these gifts, sources of life, love and goodness, now and forever.

ALL: *(sung by all; varies)* Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God Most Holy), for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements and Acknowledgements

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.

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StreetCorner Gourmets - Thanksgiving

We need your help. Donations of new or used warm items, and financial support can go a long way on the street. Please share our flier with friends and family. We'll see you, Thanksgiving Day, on Mary's Corner.You can see Tom Moulton or go the website, www.compositionfamilyservices.org

, I (Jessica Dillon) was 11 years old when my parents first drove down from the Adirondacks on Thanksgiving Day to work alongside Aunt Mary on a streetcorner in Harlem with the **StreetCorner Gourments**. For years Mary's family had been enthralled by the stories she told of cooking turkeys all night in her apartment building in Morningside; running from apartment to apartment to check the temperatures of the turkeys roasting there, mash potatoes, and borrow plates from her neighbors as she served a meal "fit for kings" on the hood of her car. That first Thanksgiving on Mary's Corner became the inspiration for over 50 years of devotion. With hundreds of volunteers, all of whom have their own stories to share, like these:

FDNY delivering hot straight-from-the-oven 25 lbs organic turkeys cooked all night, on the back of a firetruck, numbering over 125 in total.

Families carting their own cooked meal in from the Bronx, Brooklyn, Astoria or Queens, pans of stuffing in their laps on the subway or bus.

Upstaters leaving home at 4 AM with tables and tarps lashed to the top of their cars, ready for action.
Volunteer driver's beating their way through mid-town traffic to pick up fresh bread and pies from the best bakeries and establishments in NYC
Strangers becoming friends as they chopped herbs, washed collard greens, peeled apples, and chopped onions all night long in a borrowed commercial kitchen
Hundreds of pounds of "heavenly sweets" and "Mary's stuffing" lined up on tables, with pies stacked high, bread and turkey, fresh fruit, and a warm handshake or hug from one end of the block to another

Every volunteer greets a guest, stands in line in friendly conversation, and shares a meal with a person they had just met. Children passing appetizers or offering handmade Thanksgiving Day Cards to each guest. Mary's StreetCorner Gourmet's continues to make "one of the lonely holidays" less lonely. As she was famous for saying "we bring belonging back".

Our volunteers are ready to do the same this year.

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Prayers of the Community | Petitions | Prayers of the Faithful

Our Prayers of the Community are an opportunity to lift up the people and concerns close to our hearts. If you know someone who is sick or in need of healing, we invite you to submit their name for our prayer list by emailing Lewis at prayers@dignityny.org. You may also send other prayer requests or intentions. Submissions are welcome at any time.

To keep our prayer list current, we renew it approximately every two months. Our next renewal dates are January 17, 2027, and March 14, 2027. If you would like us to continue praying for someone after a renewal date, please submit their name again.

We also welcome your spoken petitions during the liturgy. To make room for more voices, please try to offer just one individual petition per person each week. This helps create a prayerful, inclusive space where everyone has an opportunity to participate.

Thank you for helping us care for one another through prayer.

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Help Preserve Our History

As DignityNY prepares to celebrate our **55th anniversary in 2027**, we are exploring a project to document our history. A book was compiled for our 25th anniversary, and now we would like to record **years 26 through 55**.

Our archival materials include many years of paper files that need to be reviewed before our archives are transferred to **The Center**. With changing technology, this new history might take the form of a book, digital collection, or another format.

Interested in helping preserve and share DignityNY's history? **See a Steering Committee member.**

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Donate via Zelle

You can now donate to **Dignity/New York** through **Zelle**.
Recipient Name: Dignity New York Inc. **Zelle Email:** treasurer@dignityny.org

Please include **your name and the purpose of your donation** in the memo.
First time? Consider sending a **$1.00 test payment** first to make sure everything is set up correctly.

Thank you for your support

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Transgender Day of Remembrance, our work is not finished until no transgender person suffers violence or discrimination due to their identity.

From the Trans Remembrance Project:
"Every year on November 20, Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR) is a day to honor the trans people who have died and raise awareness of fatal violence against our community. TDoR was founded by trans activist Gwendolyn Ann Smith in 1999 to grieve the death of Rita Hester and other transgender people who had been lost. This year, we honor the 28 known trans people in the United States killed in the past year (Nov 2025–Oct 2026), as well as 34 reported trans people who have been lost to other causes known and unknown."

LGBTQIA+ Catholics and allies, DignityUSA affirms that every transgender person is beloved by God and bears an inherent dignity that must be honored in our Church and society. Our faith calls us not only to remAsember those we have lost, but also to stand with transgender people in the pursuit of safety, belonging and justice. We renew our commitment to building communities where every person is welcomed, affirmed and free to live authentically.

Click below to read more about those we have lost this year.

In Memorium

DignityNew York will mark Transgender Day of Remembrance on Sunday, 22 at its Sunday liturgy.

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DignityUSA is seeking a new Executive Director to help us continue building a more inclusive Catholic Church. We need a strategic leader who is passionate about supporting LGBTQIA+ Catholics and their allies as they integrate their faith and identity while fighting for full equality and dignity in both the Church and society.

This is a remote role based in the US, perfect for someone with executive nonprofit experience and a deep understanding of Catholic culture and LGBTQIA+ advocacy. If you have a heart for our community and the leadership skills to guide our national operations, we would love to hear from you.

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Read the full job description on our site.

https://www.dignityusa.org/articles/edsearch

Please send your cover letter and resume to careers@dignityusa.org by December 31, 2026.
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Halloween Letter Conversations Now Streaming

Thank you for registering for our Halloween Letter Conversations. The sessions are now streaming on YouTube. Click below to watch the videos. **Watch now**

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Register Now: Advent Reflections

Join us on November 21 at 2pm ET/11am PT for our annual Membership Meeting. The DignityUSA Membership Meeting provides an opportunity for members and friends to hear a report on the programmatic and fiscal accomplishments and challenges of FY 2026 (Oct. 1, 2025 - Sept. 30, 2026). Dignity members also have the opportunity to ask questions of Board members and to share ideas. Registration is required.
Register Here

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This Thanksgiving, DignityUSA is grateful for our LGBTQIA+ Catholics, our allies, and the communities of love, courage and faith we build together. May your day bring connection, comfort and a reminder that you are cherished just as you are! We're forever thankful to share this journey with you.

As a reminder, there will be no Dateline issue on Friday, November 27, due to the holiday. We'll see you in December!

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There is interest in re-creating a St. Louis chapter
We have been approached by someone interested in organizing a Dignity chapter in St. Louis. If you are in the area and would like to help build this community of faith and inclusion, we want to hear from you. Please reach out to info@dignityusa.org to express interest.

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***Catholics in the South* Interest Group**

Sign up for our mailing list to stay connected with Catholics who are from or currently living in the south. You'll receive updates about our potential, developing affinity group and upcoming events for folks in or from the region. We'll also be sending out a brief survey in a few weeks to hear your thoughts on the topics you'd like to explore and the kinds of gatherings you'd like to see. Sign up here

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Dignity/New York and Dignity Washington DC are in this week's Dateline as we both celectrateb our 54th Anniv

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Interested in joining us for upcoming Transgender Caucus meetings and events? Subscribe to the Transgender Caucus mailing list today! ***Subscribe Now***

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More from DignityUSA
There's more to read in this week's **DignityUSA Dateline!** Not receiving *Dateline* by email? **Sign up on the DignityUSA website** to receive future issues.
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Visit the **DignityNY YouTube page** to watch our **Sunday Gospel readings and homilies**. Catch up on a Sunday you missed or revisit a homily that spoke to you.
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Join the Choir!

The Choir welcomes new members! If you enjoy singing and would like to participate in our liturgies, speak with our Choir Director, **Norine**.

Auditions and choir practice are held in the choir loft at St. John's **one hour before liturgy**.

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Join the Liturgy Committee

The **Liturgy Committee** meets on the **second Monday of each month (in November, the meeting will be on the 3rd Monday) at 7:30 PM on Zoom** (Meeting ID: **819 2042 4656**; Passcode: **613538**) for about 1 to 1½ hours. **New members are welcome!**

The committee plans weekly and special liturgies, prepares the **Presider Book and worship materials**, and helps coordinate liturgies behind the scenes. **No previous liturgy experience is necessary**—training and resources are provided. Interested? **See Lewis.**

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Steering Committee

The **Steering Committee** normally meets on the **second Tuesday of each month via Zoom** (Meeting ID: **857 2315 4226**; Passcode: **697371**). **Anyone is welcome to participate or observe.**

Current Steering Committee Members:
Term ending October 31, 2027: **Chris Alberti, Robert Brande, Nick Cimato, James Osbourn, and Jeff Stone**

Term ending October 31, 2028: **Michael, Lacarrubba, Danny Larkin, Lewis Speaks-Tanner and Daniel Velasquez**

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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

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

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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

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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

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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

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

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

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

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Friend us on **Facebook:** Dignity New York ; **Threads:** dignity_ny; **Instagram:** dignity_ny

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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..

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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.

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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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