



DIGNITY / WASHINGTON

# The Bulletin

## Special Home Edition

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### All Are Welcome



We are an inclusive community of faith, and we invite you to use whatever reverent term for God you are most comfortable with during our Liturgy. We also welcome all who share in our belief in the sacramental nature of the Eucharist to receive Holy Communion. To make the Eucharist available to all, consecrated grape juice is offered by the Eucharistic Minister with the ceramic chalice and ASL interpretation is available. As we gather, please help us keep a sacred space for prayer and reflection by keeping a quiet atmosphere in the church. Remember to silence all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices.



### Our Mission



Dignity/Washington (D/W) is a community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Catholics and other Christians, our families and friends. We provide a healing outreach to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Catholics and other people by affirmation that they are beloved Children of God. We gather together to establish a nurturing community of worship, blessing, celebration, ministry, spiritual development, education, & fellowship. We are a prophetic witness to the Church, to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender community and to society.

## HAPPENINGS

### Financial Status and COVID-19

Due to the disruption created by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the financial effects are universal for individuals, businesses, and our Dignity/Washington community. Normally, Dignity/Washington receives almost 60 percent of its operating income through the Sunday collections. The suspension of Mass for a minimum of a month could mean the loss of \$5,000; though our financial obligations remain constant during this unprecedented period.

In lieu of receiving weekly donations in the Sunday collection, the Board of Directors would like to suggest you consider contributing in one of the following ways:

Set up a monthly autopay (much like paying regular bills online) through your checking account:

Mail a check to:

Dignity/Washington

P.O. Box 15279

Washington, DC 20003-0279

Use the following link to go online and use PayPal: <http://www.dignitywashington.org/donate/>

We appreciate receiving any donation amount from you. And by doing so, you will help maintain the financial health of Dignity/Washington during this difficult time. Should you have any questions, please contact me ([jakeghudson@gmail.com](mailto:jakeghudson@gmail.com)). Thank you for your cooperation.

Jake Hudson  
Treasurer

## Stewardship

	Budget Goal (monthly)	Actual (February)
All Income	\$8,800	\$5,000
of which Sunday Collections	\$5,000	\$2,900
	Budget Goal	Actual
All Income	\$48,000	\$50,000
of which Sunday Collections	\$25,000	\$27,000

### March Celebrations

*Birthdays*

6 Rory Hytrek	20 Carl Spier
8 Emi Delia	22 Vincent Ramos
11 Cooper Kidd	25 Tom Mousley
14 Jaime Coronado	26 Allen Rose
18 Ellen Lee	29 Keith Hall

*Anniversaries*

Elvis Bello and Peter Zawadsky	3/2
Robert Schmid and Mark Hibsichman	3/19
Kevin Hennessy and Mark McKay	3/29

### Kathleen Blank-Reichert's Ordination

Dear Friends,

I hope you are safe and well as the reality of the pandemic's impact unfolds. Our ordination has been postponed from May 2 due to the heightened risks of travel and gathering in crowds. The new date has been set for Saturday, September 12 at 2:00 pm. We hope it will be safe to travel and celebrate together by then. Looking forward to sharing this day with you!

With love and gratitude,  
Kathleen

### Introducing Snug Safety!

In an effort to ensure the safety of our Dignity/Washington family, especially those who live alone, the Board of Directors encourages **all** Dignity members to join a daily wellness check-in program. We have identified a phone app called **"Snug Safety"** that is a virtual daily check-in to ensure safety and well-being in case of a situation in which you are unable to reach your phone. We are taking this initiative as a family for the safety and well-being of our Dignity siblings.

The function of the app prompts you to check-in once a day by tapping just one screen button. The **Snug** app is free and easy to download, set up, and use on both an I-Phone or Android smartphone. You can select when to receive your preferred daily check-in time and we recommend selecting a time slot after you complete your daily morning routine. If you do not respond to the app at the appointed check-in, the app automatically sends a text message saying that you have missed your check-in indicating that you may need help. It also reports your last known location.

Set-up is easy. You only need to provide your name, phone number, and email address. We recommend that you identify two people to serve as your safety contacts: #1) someone located nearby who has access to your home in an emergency and #2) a fellow Dignity brother or sister to serve as a backup. You will need their names, phone numbers, and email addresses to setup the service. Please note that you should inform your contacts that you enrolled them in this service.

Detailed information about **Snug** can be found at **Snugsafe.com**. Instructions for downloading and installing the app are found below. If you need assistance, call Jim Sweeney at (202) 320-6077.

#### Instructions for downloading and installing **Snug Safety**:

- Tap the **App Store** or **Google Play Store** icon on your smartphone.
- Search for **Snug Safety**.
- Tap **Get**.
- Tap the new **Snug** icon on your home screen.
- Tap **Get Started**.
- Enter your name, phone number, and email address.
- Retrieve and enter the 4-digit text code.
- Select preferred check-in time (preferably after daily shower routine).
- Tap **Grant Location Access**.
- Tap **Turn on Notification Access** green button.
- Select contacts from your address book. (Identify at least two contacts: someone who has emergency access to your home and someone from your Dignity community or another friend or relative.)
- Tap **Autosnug for Free** at the bottom of the screen.
- Check in for today. You're all set!

