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DECEMBER 20, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**TEMPORARY
OFFICE HOURS**

MON - FRI
 10am - 4pm

**TEMPORARY
MASS TIMES**

SUNDAYS
 9am/11am / 12:30 Spanish

TUES, THURS
 8:30am Mass

WEDNESDAYS
 Wednesday Evening Reflection 7pm
 This is Hosted by Jayne Porcelli

**Reflexión los Miércoles por la noche a
 las 7:30pm**

**TEMPORARY
CHURCH HOURS**

WEEKDAYS
 10am - 2pm

WEEKENDS
 10:30am - 2pm

OUR MISSION

Taking Jesus' message of loving service to heart, all are welcome in our vibrant, hopeful, diverse, Eucharistic Community where we break the bread and open the Word and discover God in our Midst.

NUESTRA MISIÓN

Tomando el mensaje de Jesús de servicio amoroso a corazón, todos son bienvenidos en nuestra Comunidad Eucarística vibrante, llena de esperanza, y diversa, donde partimos el Pan y abrimos la Palabra y descubrimos a Dios en medio de nosotros.

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THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

9am– Augustine Ortiz (D)

11am - Henry Mendonca (D)
Judith Lozano (D)

12:30am – Para la parroquia de San Francisco de Sales

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

8:30am– Vincent McDonnell (L)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

8:30am –

SICK & DEPARTED

SICK

Jovina Ascencios, John Kenny, Mila Ortiz, Laurie Siegal, Elizabeth Finnegan, Thomas Francis Murphy, Jerry Brown, Victoria Criloux, Mirta Velez, Erika Bermejo, Edgar Zacarias, Amanda Santos,

DECEASED✕

Esther Marti, , Kelly Ann Childs, Ashley Childs Santos, Richard Lynch, Juanita Alvarez, Marjorie Sweitzer, Julia Cairo, Thomas Taaffe, Gelbert Rios,, Victoria Mauleon, Prek Jakaj, Ann Kiernan Flores , Robert Dale Horton, Jean-Claude Bouston , Ronald Robles, Virgilio Bracamente, Robyn Geiger, Sahvee Culbertson, Maria Cristina Chavez, Raul Ferreina, Maryann McCool

HAVE A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST?

Send us who or what needs a special prayer by using the Prayer Request feature on our new SFDS app—available in the Google Play or Apple App Store. Our parish prayer group will pray upon all submissions.

LET'S CONNECT



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SFDS + COMMUNITY



DIGITAL GIVING TREE

www.sfdsnyc.org/givingtree

SFDS collects gifts for our community partners every Christmas season and this year is no different! For the safety of our parish, all gifts should be donated online or delivered directly to the organization. This year, our gifts will bring joy to our neighbors through LSA Family Health Service, Thrive for Life Prison Project, The Dwelling Place of NY, and St. Philip's, Brooklyn. Visit

our webpage to participate.



ÁRBOL DIGITAL DE REGALOS

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SFDS recoge regalos para nuestros socios de la comunidad cada temporada navideña y este año no es diferente. Para la seguridad de nuestra parroquia, todos los regalos deben ser donados en línea o entregados directamente a la organización. Este año, nuestras donaciones traerán alegría a nuestros vecinos a través de LSA Family Health Service, Thrive for Life Prison Project, The Dwelling Place of NY, and St. Philip's, Brooklyn. Visite nuestra página web para

participar.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COVID CONTRIBUTIONS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone in the #SFDSfamily who has contributed above and beyond to the parish since the pandemic began. In a time when so many are experiencing financial insecurity, the generosity of parishioners who are able to give extra is helping to see us through in light of the steep decrease in Sunday donations. Thanks to all our sustaining members for your continued support in building up the kingdom of God here on 96th Street.

Breakdown of \$1000+ contributions (Sept-November)

\$5000 - SFDS family

\$3000 - SFDS parishioner

\$1000—Friend of SFDS

Weekly Collection

Numbers for the Dec 13th & Dec 20th will be published in the in the January 3, 2021 bulletin because of the Christmas Holiday.

Thank you!



NEW! PRODUCTION TEAM FOR DIGITAL MINISTRY—JOIN US!

So many of you are tuning in weekly for our masses online that we will continue to livestream on Sundays even after we reopen. This gives us an opportunity to add another team to our Digital Ministry: a production team! If you have experience with filming or audio or are interested to learn, please call the Parish Office at 212.289.0425 or e-mail Lydia at: lydia@sfdsnyc.org - there are so many ways to Live Jesus on 96th Street! For the Mass Program, in English, scan this QR code or visit: www.sfdsnyc.org/mass

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MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL DONATIONS GO TWICE AS FAR!

Does your employer have a corporate matching program?

Many companies will match charitable gifts made by their employees with financial donations. Please check with your human resource department to see if you are able to maximize your gifts through a matching program. You might be able to double your impact in growing our community of faith here on 96th Street! For more information, e-mail Lydia: lydia@sfdsnyc.org



FLOWERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

We want to offer you the opportunity to memorialize your loved ones, living or deceased, in a most special way. Would you consider making a **financial donation** for our **Christmas flowers** in the name of one you cherish? This living gift will allow us to create a beautiful space for our Christmas worship and certainly add to the joy of our celebration during the Christmas season. Donations can be made either on line through our electronic giving platform, or via check/cash/envelop in the collection basket. Thank you for your consideration.



LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT?

We have the answer! How about a biography of our very own Fr. Neil Connolly? This brand new book is titled: *The Kingdom Began in Puerto Rico*, written by Angel Garcia. This book tells the story of Fr. Neil's work in the South Bronx and his life as a priest in our city. It promises to be a fascinating read. We have copies available for a special price from the publisher: \$20.00. In addition we will be hosting Mr. Angel Garcia on January 14th, 2021 for a brand new year of Pop Up Theology so he can share more stories of Fr. Neil and his ministry in the south Bronx during the turbulent 60's with us. See Jayne if you'd like to purchase your own copy of this book and mark your calendars for Jan 14th.



MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN!!

For those who would like to offer a Mass intention for a loved one, living or deceased, we are pleased to let you know that our 2012 Mass Book is now open. Intentions are available for our Tuesday and Thursday morning Masses, as well as our Sunday celebrations. Please call or see Kathy in the parish office for more details.

ÚLTIMAS NOTICIAS & PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

ENTÉRATE DE TODO LO QUE ESTÁ PASANDO EN SFDSNYC.ORG



ESTOY SOÑANDO CON UNA NAVIDAD CON DISTANCIA Y SEGURIDAD

Para aquellos de ustedes que están más felices al planificar con anticipación, queremos informarles que estamos considerando tomar “reservaciones” para las Misas de Navidad de este año. Queremos brindar una manera segura y saludable de continuar adorando juntos y creemos que esta es la opción más inteligente. Nuestro horario de Misas será: Nochebuena 4 pm y; Día de Navidad 11 am.

RECORDANDO A NUESTROS SERES QUERIDOS EN NAVIDAD

Queremos ofrecerle la oportunidad de conmemorar a sus seres queridos, vivos o fallecidos, de la manera más especial. ¿Consideraría hacer una donación financiera para nuestras flores navideñas en nombre de una que aprecia? Este regalo viviente nos permitirá crear un hermoso espacio para nuestro culto navideño y ciertamente se sumará a la alegría de nuestra celebración durante la temporada navideña. Las donaciones se pueden hacer en línea a través de nuestra plataforma electrónica de donaciones o mediante cheque / efectivo / sobre en la canasta de recolección. Gracias por su consideración.



HAGA QUE SUS DONACIONES FINANCIERAS CUENTEN AL DOBLE!

¿Hay un programa de igualación corporativa en su trabajo?

Muchas compañías igualarán las donaciones caritativas hechas por sus empleados con donaciones financieras. Consulte con su departamento de recursos humanos para ver si puede maximizar sus donaciones a través de un programa de correspondencia. ¡Es posible que pueda duplicar su impacto en el crecimiento de nuestra comunidad de fe aquí en la calle 96! Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a Lydia: lydia@sfdsnyc.org



¿BUSCAS EL REGALO DE NAVIDAD PERFECTO?

¡Tenemos la respuesta! ¿Qué tal una biografía de nuestro propio Padre ¿Neil Connolly? Este nuevo libro se titula: El Reino Comenzó en Puerto Rico, escrito por Ángel García. Este libro cuenta la historia del trabajo de Padre Neil en el sur del Bronx y su vida como sacerdote en nuestra ciudad. Promete ser una lectura fascinante. Tenemos copias disponibles por un precio especial de la editorial: \$ 20.00. Además, recibiremos al Sr. Angel García el 14 de enero de 2021 para un nuevo año de Teología emergente para que pueda compartir más historias del Padre Neil y su ministerio en el sur del Bronx durante los turbulentos años 60 con nosotros. Consulte a Jayne si desea comprar su propia copia de este libro y marcar en su calendario el 14 de Enero.

¡¡EL LIBRO DE MISAS 2021!!

Para aquellos que desean ofrecer una intención durante la misa por un ser querido, vivo o fallecido, nos complace informarles que nuestro Libro de misas de 2021 ya está disponible. Las intenciones están disponibles para nuestras misas los Martes y Jueves, así como para nuestras celebraciones dominicales. Por favor llame o vea a Kathy en la oficina parroquial para más detalles.

REFLECTION

We Celebrate Hope!

Today we mark the fourth Sunday of Advent for 2020. There have been lots of jokes made about how folks can't wait for this year to be over. How do you feel about that? Are you anxious to begin a new year and say goodbye to all that was so hard in 2020?

As of Dec 21, our sunlit days begin to get longer again. Christmas is the celebration of the coming of the Son of God in our world, once long ago, and the hope of his coming once again. In a very real way the SUN can remind us of the SON.

If ever a world needed the bright splendor of the Son of God, it is our world today. In the midst of a year filled with pain, sadness, fear and losses big and small, we look to our Christmas celebrations to bring us hope. Hope that darkness will not win. Hope that we will learn from the experiences of this past year. Hope that we will take all that has been good, those 'silver linings' and look for ways to grow and nurture those seeds of goodness. Hope that our we will not go back to what was our normal, but move into a post pandemic world as new persons, changed for the better.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, in ways very different from years past, let us hold on to hope. While our liturgies are a bit smaller, our family gatherings more simple, our celebrations more reserved, the essence of this feast remains the same. God IS with us! Emmanuel, come to save us! We are not alone, and we do not have to be afraid anymore.

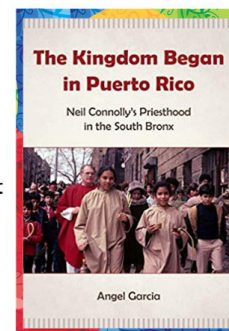
All of us on the Pastoral Staff wish you a very blessed Christmas. We hold you in our hearts and in our prayers as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior and our Hope. May God be alive anew in our hearts and in our world. Merry Christmas.

POP-UP THEOLOGY

The Kingdom Began in Puerto Rico:

Neil Connolly's Priesthood in the South Bronx

Author Conversation with Angel Garcia



THUR, JANUARY 14 @ 7PM

A Zoom conversation covering Father Neil's "aha" moments during 1958-1985, the people who shaped his ever-evolving identity as a priest, and the influence of the Second Vatican Council and the Medellin and Liberation Theology documents that drove his goal of becoming a true priest.

PART OF THE MSGR. NEIL A CONNOLLY LECTURE SERIES



www.sfdsnyc.org/popuptheology

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020

The annual Christmas collection is an extremely important portion of our budget that funds our ministry efforts throughout the year. We undertake so many great works in our parish and our community—help us to continue our mission in 2021 by partnering in ministry with us to practice responsible stewardship.

WAYS TO GIVE

Donate online: bit.ly/christmasSFDS

Mail a check:

St. Francis de Sales, Parish Office, 135 East 96th Street, New York, NY 10128

In-person (collection basket):

Please mark your envelope as "Christmas Collection" so we can properly account for your gift.

WHAT GIVES ME HOPE?

The hope these parishioners feel and give back is possible thanks to your support!



Lorena S.

Involved in: Grupo Hispano de SFDS, Cabrini Coalition, and Hospitality & Music Ministries

I believe that change is possible through God. Receiving leadership training from the pastoral staff and technology tutoring to build our Spanish-language outreach has filled me with confidence and opened up new ways for me to practice my faith. I'm learning so much at SFDS and meeting parishioners from all walks of life.



Laura & Mike G.

Involved in: SFDS Stewardship Board, Hospitality Ministry, & Religious Education

I feel hope because God is good and I feel His love in our SFDS community. I feel hope when I see the Faith Formation student faces on Zoom each week, and in our Stewardship giving. The joy of giving and helping our community fills my soul. ~Laura



Joel L.

Alumnus of our SFDS Religious Education process, current student at Regis High School

It's not easy to be a high school student right now, but I know that things will be ok—I learned so much about my faith at SFDS that is guiding me and my family right now. I am happy for all the current Religious Ed. students who have the support of our parish. I know that through God the future will be better.



SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE SEATING: www.sfdsnyc.org/christmasrsvp

Christmas Eve Mass—4pm (Wait List only)

Christmas Day Mass—11am

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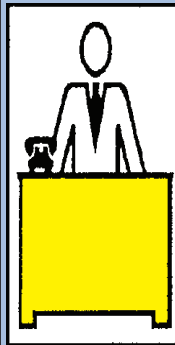
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