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MAY 10, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OFFICE HOURS

MON - WED
 9am - 8pm

THURS & FRI
 9am - 5pm

MASS TIMES

SATURDAYS
 5pm Vigil / 4:30 Confession

SUNDAYS
 9am / 11am / 12:30 Spanish

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI
 8:30am Mass

WEDNESDAYS
 Prayer Service with Eucharist 12pm

CHURCH HOURS

WEEKDAYS
 8am - 4pm

WEEKENDS
 8:30am - 4pm

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.

Jesus needed followers, too.

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THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

HEY SFDS PARENTS,

Please take a moment to sign up for our Parents of SFDS Page on Facebook so that you can access current news and Religious Education materials for your children. We look forward to staying in touch with you through the miracle of social media. As always, if you need anything, please feel free to email Jayne at jayneporcelli@sfdsnyc.org. Stay well!

PRAYER IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

O God of compassion, your people are anxious in this time of pandemic. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel our fears. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us. Strengthen and sustain those who are ill, and be with those who care for them. Help us to travel this road in solidarity with our neighbors, with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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SICK & DEPARTED

SICK

Jovina Ascencios, Pedro Carrero, Sr. Paul Theresa Henneese, George Gerardi, Helene Gallagher, Roberto Colon, John Kenny, Mila Ortiz, Denise Price, Fernando Rodriguez, Jerome Pannell, Luis Calderon, Laurie Siegal, Rafael & Victoria Mauleon

DECEASED ✕

Margaret Whalen, Pablo Rosado Jr, Sofia Espinosa. Esther Marti, Carlos Avila, Msgr. Richard Guastella, Imelda Marquez, Maura Barrero, Kelly Ann Childs, Ashley Childs Santos, Piero and Michael Lucarelli, Julio Ortiz, Augusto Montan, Richard Lynch, Juanita Alvarez, John McGrath, Marjorie Sweitzer, Julia Cairo, Thomas Taaffe, Gelbert Rios

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



OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE TAAFFE FAMILY

It is with heavy hearts that we share with our parishioners the passing of Tom Taafe, a long time parishioner of St Francis de Sales. Tom was a beloved presence at Sunday Mass, our Small Christian Community prayer, Religious Education and Family choir, along with his dear grandson Thomas. He was the eternal student, always wanting to know more, searching for 'the why'. Many of you would recognize Tom as the gentleman who brought in the donuts at the 9am Mass. After his recent knee surgery it was his dearest desire to make his way down the block and back to Sunday liturgy with us. He was able to do this thanks to the assistance of his dear wife Juliette. A look at our facebook posting about Tom's passing gives us a sense of how many of us were touched by Tom's kindness and care for others.

He was the epitome of the phrase "a gentleman and a scholar" and we will miss him more than we can say. Our prayers are with his family: Juliette, Siobhan, Thomas and Daniel.



FREE ART WORK -- HELP US PRAY FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS!

We are pleased to share a special invitation with our parishioners from our own artist **Br. Mickey McGrath**. Through the kindness of Trinity Stores (info@trinitystores.com) Br Mickey's new prayer cards designed specifically for our prayer during this Pandemic are available for free. These two pieces of artwork Our Lady of Refuge for Healthcare Workers and Mary, Health of the Sick, are colorful images of the Blessed Mother, in Mickey's unique style.

To receive your FREE prayer cards simply send an EMAIL to John at: info@trinitystores.com and request your free prayer cards. (Give a shout out to St Francis de Sales if you'd like. Let them know we are supporting Br Mickey!) Include your name and address and they will mail you the cards. This is a way to support a family owned small business in addition to the USPS. They are truly beautiful...enjoy this special gift. Why not ask for two and share a set with a friend?

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING IN A TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCE

One of the many implications of suspending all our masses and events to ensure the safety of our community from COVID-19 is that our regular in pew offerings will not be collected. This results in a drastic decrease of weekly/monthly income for the parish. Many folks are already participating in online giving and this has been a life line for us, Thank You! For those of you who have not signed up we ask that this be the time to make the switch so that we can continue to keep things going. For those who continue to use checking as a primary source we ask that you mail your offering to the parish. In whatever way you give we are profoundly grateful for your sacrifice. If financial constraints prevent you from giving at this time we understand. Know that you are a valued and beloved member of our community united to us in prayer. For those who can do a little more to make up for what others are unable to do presently we thank you! To make a one-time donation or to sign up for recurring donations, visit www.sfdsnyc.org/give or contact Lydia at: lydia@sfdsnyc.org and 646.526.9504.

Weekly Collection

April 28th– May 4th

\$3,495.74—Online Debit Giving

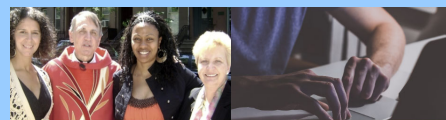
\$985.00—Mailed in Checks

\$4,480.74—Total

Sign up for regular online giving at
www.sfdsnyc.org/give

Easter Faith Sharing

For those of you who are at home and would like to add a bit of prayer to your day, please feel welcome to join Jayne on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm on a national zoom small Christian community prayer share. We will read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures each week until further notice. Details may be found on our webpage calendar. .



CONNECTING FAITH AND LIFE
TOGETHER... WHILE APART

*Faith Sharing
Wednesdays*

LATEST NEWS

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SACRAMENTS

In this Month of May when we would normally be celebrating First Communions, and all our other sacraments...our adults who are preparing for sacraments of initiation, please, please keep them in your prayers. They are longing to join us at our Eucharistic feast and are waiting anxiously to do so. Your prayers these days will be appreciated by them.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE

Hope's Door—888-438-8700; Safe Horizons—800.621.4673

We are well aware that one of the many results of sheltering in place has been an increase in domestic abuse. Our community partner, Hope's Door, has a bilingual 24 hour hotline that you can call to access their services which include: Safety Planning, Counseling and Support Groups for adults and children, Recreation and self-care programming for adults and children, Accompaniment to various court, health and other appointments, Advocacy services for adults and children, and Access to other Hope's Door services and program areas. Another resource is Safe Horizons, the largest non-profit agency helping those who experience abuse in the U.S. You don't have to suffer in silence. You can also call the SFDS Parish Office. We are here for all our parishioners to offer spiritual support during this difficult time.



VIRTUAL SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Every Sunday, @ 11-11:45 in English;

Let's be social on Sundays! We understand that nothing can replace coffee and donuts with fellow parishioners after Mass. Until we can be together again, please join us online at our weekly "hospitality" Zoom Meeting. This is an opportunity to check in and let us know how you're doing, share your reflections about the Sunday homily, and show us your pets, kids, or latest pajama fashion. Bring a little of the Frank's Cafe vibe to wherever you are!

11am in English:

to log in: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/852504686>

to call in: 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 852 504 686

The music is one of several pieces of the SFDS style that makes our parish so special. Do you miss singing and dancing on Sunday mornings? Well, come join us for a weekly bilingual event right online: *Let's Church!* You simply download a lyric sheet, and at noon, you can watch the broadcast and sing along to the hymns we would sing during the Mass. See you this Sunday at noon!



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(May 10, 2020) Lectionary: 52

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Adults: Think of a challenge you face right now,... what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

Children: How can you imitate or, better live Jesus at home these days?

Adultos: Piensen en un desafío. Ahora te enfrentas a ... ¿qué significará vivir a la manera de Jesucristo?

Niños: ¿Cómo puedes imitar o, mejor, vivir a Jesús en casa en estos días?

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

I write with some encouraging news! Our application to the Small Business Administration made through the Archdiocese, with the assistance of our accountants, has been approved. This means there is security afforded us to continue to make payroll for several months. While this is not a permanent solution, it is much needed good news. Please allow me once again to express my gratitude and that of our pastoral staff for your generosity these past two months. So many of you at great sacrifice to yourselves, have continued to maintain your weekly/monthly offering. This has enabled us to continue to pay staff and keep up with the necessary expenses here at the parish i.e. utilities etc.

The work of the Parish continues in spite of the quarantine. I encourage you to go online to see for yourself what our staff is doing to keep the parish strong. There are all sorts of resources on our social media front from zoom meetings involving prayer to fellowship. We have continued to reach out to our most vulnerable in numerous ways to ensure that we stay connected and strong.

We are working behind the scenes with our partners in ministry throughout our neighborhood and beyond. Just two examples of this are our recent donations to Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service \$500. for their food pantry as well as another donation of \$1000. to Ignacio House in the South Bronx. Ignacio House is a community of formerly incarcerated persons who are transitioning back into the community. Ignacio House, under the direction of Zach Presutti S.J. provides their residents with housing and education in order to facilitate this transition. They have been in critical need of food during this time. Both donations came from a grant to the parish obtained by our Social Justice Ministry.

I share with you our generosity not to boast but to make you aware of what your parish is doing thanks to your support. Parish life is changing before our eyes, not just at SFDS but all parishes throughout the country. How we adapt to these changes will be critical to our future sustainability. The staff and I continue to equip ourselves with new resources and better models of digital ministry on a daily/weekly basis.

We know for sure that nothing replaces the real thing, by that I mean our in person gatherings to celebrate Eucharist and share faith. However we have been made critically aware of our need to adapt to this digital age. We are aware that we will need to evolve with this technology as we begin to meet once more in person. We encourage you to share with us any insights you might have as to our digital presence.

We look forward to taking the best of what we are learning and growing creatively as we move into our future. In the meantime please know how valuable you are to us. We are grateful for your stewardship and example of faith in these difficult days. Please know we pray for you on a daily basis and ask that you raise us up in your prayer. United in prayer we continue to Live Jesus here on East 96th Street.

*Peace,
Fr. Kelly*

ÚLTIMAS NOTICIAS & PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

ENTÉRATE DE TODO LO QUE ESTÁ PASANDO EN SFDSNYC.ORG



RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS PARA ABUSO DOMÉSTICO

Hope's Door—888.438.8700; Safe Horizon — 800.621.4673

Estamos conscientes de que uno de los muchos resultados de refugiarse-en-lugar ha sido un aumento del abuso doméstico. Nuestro socio comunitario, Hope's Door, tiene una línea directa bilingüe las 24 horas a la que puede llamar para acceder a sus servicios, que incluyen: Planificación de seguridad, asesoramiento y grupos de apoyo para adultos y niños, programas de recreación y autocuidado para adultos y niños, acompañamiento a varias citas en la corte, de salud y de otro tipo, servicios de defensa para adultos y niños, y acceso a otros servicios y áreas de programa de Hope's Door. Otro recurso es Safe Horizons, la agencia sin fines de lucro más grande que ayuda a quienes sufren abusos en los Estados Unidos. No tiene que sufrir en silencio. También puede llamar a la Oficina Parroquial de SFDS. Estamos aquí para ofrecer apoyo espiritual durante este momento difícil para todos nuestros feligreses.

SACRAMENTOS

En este mes de mayo, cuando normalmente celebraríamos las Primeras Comuniones, y todos nuestros otros sacramentos ... nuestros adultos que se están preparando para los sacramentos de iniciación, por favor, mantenlos en tus oraciones. Ellos anhelan unirse a nosotros en nuestra fiesta eucarística y esperan ansiosos por hacerlo. Sus oraciones en estos días serán apreciadas por ellos.



HOSPITALIDAD VIRTUAL DEL DOMINGO/ EVENTO BILINGÜE

Cada Domingo de abril @ 11-11:45am en inglés;

¡Seamos sociales los domingos! Entendemos que nada puede reemplazar el café y las donuts con otros feligreses después de la misa. Hasta que podamos estar juntos nuevamente, únase a nosotros en línea en nuestra reunión semanal de Zoom "hospitalidad". Esta es una oportunidad para decir hola y hacernos saber cómo le está yendo, compartir sus reflexiones sobre la homilía del domingo, y mostrarnos a sus mascotas, niños, o la última moda de pijamas. ¡Lleve un poco del ambiente de Frank's Cafe a donde quiera que esté!

11am en inglés:

para entrar digitalmente: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/852504686> o para llamar: 646 558 8656

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La vida musical es una de muchas piezas del estilo de SFDS que hace tan especial nuestra parroquia. ¿Extrañan ustedes cantar y bailar los domingos? Bueno, ¡únanse al evento bilingüe de cada semana en la red: ¡iglesiemos! Solo descarga la hoja de letra y a mediodía puede ver la transmisión y cantar con nosotros los cantos que cantaríamos durante la misa. ¡Nos vemos este domingo a mediodía!

UNA CARTA DEL PASTOR

Escribo con algunas noticias alentadoras! Nuestra solicitud a la Administración de Pequeñas Empresas realizada a través de la Arquidiócesis, con la asistencia de nuestros contadores, ha sido aprobada. Esto significa que hay seguridad que nos permite continuar las nóminas de los empleados durante varios meses. Si bien esta no es una solución permanente, es una noticia muy necesaria una buena. Permítame una vez más expresar mi gratitud y la de nuestro personal pastoral por su generosidad en los últimos dos meses. Muchos de ustedes con un gran sacrificio para ustedes mismos, han continuado manteniendo su oferta semanal / mensual. Esto nos ha permitido seguir pagando al personal y estar al día con los gastos necesarios aquí en la parroquia, es decir, servicios públicos, etc.

El trabajo de la parroquia continúa a pesar de la cuarentena. Le animo a que se conecte en línea para ver por sí mismo lo que nuestro personal está haciendo para mantener la parroquia fuerte. Hay todo tipo de recursos en nuestro frente de redes sociales desde reuniones de zoom que involucran oración hasta compañerismo. Hemos seguido llegando a nuestros más vulnerables de numerosas maneras para asegurarnos de que nos mantengamos conectados y fuertes.

Estamos trabajando detrás de escena con nuestros socios en el ministerio en todo nuestro vecindario y más allá. Solo dos ejemplos de esto son nuestras recientes donaciones al Servicio de Salud Familiar de las Hermanitas de la Asunción \$ 500. para su despensa de alimentos, así como otra donación de \$ 1000. a la casa de Ignacio en el sur del Bronx. Ignacio House es una comunidad de personas anteriormente encarceladas que están regresando a la comunidad. Casa Ignacio, bajo la dirección de Zach Presutti S.J. proporciona a sus residentes vivienda y educación para facilitar esta transición. Han tenido una necesidad crítica de alimentos durante este tiempo. Ambas donaciones vinieron de una subvención a la parroquia obtenida por nuestro Ministerio de Justicia Social.

Comparto con ustedes nuestra generosidad no para alardear, sino para hacerle saber lo que está haciendo su parroquia gracias a su apoyo. La vida parroquial está cambiando ante nuestros ojos, no solo en SFDS sino en todas las parroquias del país. La forma en que nos adaptemos a estos cambios será fundamental para nuestra sostenibilidad futura. El personal y yo continuamos equipándonos con nuevos recursos y mejores modelos de ministerio digital diariamente / semanalmente.

Sabemos con certeza que nada reemplaza a lo real, con esto quiero decir nuestras reuniones en persona para celebrar la Eucaristía y compartir la fe. Sin embargo, hemos sido críticamente conscientes de nuestra necesidad de adaptarnos a esta era digital. Somos conscientes de que necesitaremos evolucionar con esta tecnología a medida que comencemos a reunirnos una vez más en persona. Le recomendamos que comparta con nosotros cualquier información que pueda tener sobre nuestra presencia digital.

Esperamos aprovechar lo mejor de lo que estamos aprendiendo y crecer creativamente a medida que avanzamos hacia nuestro futuro. Mientras tanto, sepa lo valioso que es para nosotros. Estamos agradecidos por su mayordomía y ejemplo de fe en estos días difíciles. Por favor sepa que oramos por usted diariamente y solicite que nos levante en su oración. Unidos en oración continuamos viviendo a Jesús aquí en East 96th Street.

*Paz,
Padre Kelly*

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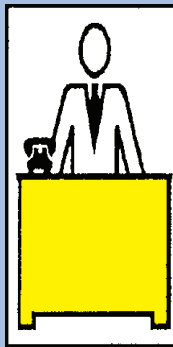
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