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APRIL 19, 2020
SECOND 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!

SICK & DEPARTED

SICK

Pat Dietz, Jovina Ascencios, Pedro Carrero , Sr. Paul Theresa Henneese , George Gerardi, Helene Gallagher, Roberto Colon, Julia Cairo, John Kenny, Mila Ortiz, Tom & Juliette Taaffe, Denise Price, Fernando Rodriguez, Jerome Pannell

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

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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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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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 COLLECTIONS

Due to Easter printing schedules, we were unable to previously print totals for the weeks of March 22 & April 5. They are now listed below.

Week of March 22, 2020

\$10,046.78—Online Debit Giving
+
\$65.72—DipJar

\$10,112.50—Total

Week of April 5, 2020

\$5,598.77—Online Debit Giving
+
\$971.00—Received by mail

\$6,569.77—Total

Week of April 12, 2020

\$3,702.27—Online Debit Giving
+
\$4,354.00—Received by mail

\$8,056.27—Total

LATEST NEWS

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A PARISH PROJECT: HELP US IDENTIFY OUR SENIORS

e-mail jayneporcelli@sfdsnyc.org

Here is a project that we need your help with: we are aware that we have elderly parishioners that may need a friendly phone call or a bit of help. The pastoral team knows people by their faces or by the Mass they attend, but we don't necessarily have everybody's phone number. (That's why we're actively working on putting together a new church management system.) If you know a senior citizen in the parish, could you e-mail Jayne at jayneporcelli@sfdsnyc.org with their name and phone number so that we can reach out?

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: FOOD PANTRIES, FREE MEALS, ETC

www.sfdsnyc.org/blog/2020/3/23/food-pantries

In an effort to best serve our parish community, we've started to assemble a comprehensive list of social services offering COVID-19 relief uptown. If you're in need of assistance with food for yourself or your family, visit our website for a listing of food pantries that are currently open and serving. For details, visit our website or call the parish office.



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!



EASTER HARLEM FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help distribute food bags to East Harlem families.

Hours needed: Wednesday, 9:30-11:30am & 1-3pm.

Location: 333 East 115th, between 1st and 2nd Aves

All health and safety protocols will be followed in light of COVID-19; Masks and gloves provided.

Requirements: Be in good health and symptom-free, able to lift up to 50lbs, currently not caring for or living with vulnerable individuals, and able to walk or bike to the site.

For more information, please email the Volunteer Director: tgough@lsafhs.org

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

As we arrive at this second Sunday of Easter the scripture offers us this wonderful description of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles. The Church is alive with the Spirit. The proof of this is the way they live, listening and proclaiming the word, in the breaking of the bread and in their ability to live fraternally. A sign of this is the sharing of their goods i.e. material possessions. Some might see this as a prototype of socialist utopia! This was however for the early Church a logical conclusion of Jesus' teaching to sell what you have and give to the poor, to trust radically in God to provide for your needs. Pope Francis called last week for a return to this early Church through a merciful way of living. He asked the wealthy nations of the world to consider two things, the elimination of debt for poorer countries and a call to consider a universal basic wage. Both measures are simply putting into effect the mercy for which Jesus calls. The issue of justice is also prominent in that a global economy is constructed on the backs of the poor. We owe them in justice a "piece of the pie". These measures also happen to be what many consider good advice toward the creation of a more just and sustainable world for everyone. The current pandemic has reminded us of just how fragile everyone's sustainability can be. The answer to this is not to retreat into a misplaced nationalism but to embrace the fraternity which the Gospel promotes. Far from being a pie in the sky utopianism the early Church was clearly on to something in the sharing of resources and living in a radically generous way. As we live into this time of resurrection in spite of the fear of the present moment we recognize that we are no different from that early Church who knew the terror of persecution and the fragile nature of life. We also call on the power given to us by virtue of the cross and resurrection as we move bravely forward in creating a world that places solidarity and fraternity over the misplaced call to sectarianism and exceptionalism.

*Peace,
Fr. Kelly*

Financial Update

I first want to thank everyone who through your commitment and generosity have been keeping the home fires burning here at our parish home. Your continued and in some cases increased giving has helped enormously to offset the loss of revenue from the Sunday basket. We have for quite some time encouraged a movement from the traditional form of offering i.e. Sunday basket to online or electronic giving. This has proven wise given the current crisis. We will continue to see many changes in terms of how we "do church" certainly a greater reliance upon electronic giving being a significant one. If you have not switched I encourage you if at all possible to make the change now. The process is a fairly easy one in terms of signing up. I refer you to our parish web page sfdsnyc.org and the Give Button at the top right of the page. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to apply for the loans offered by the Small Business Administration to help cover the cost of payroll for 90 days. We have completed the necessary paperwork and submitted our application. I will let you know as to where we are with that. While we are not a business in the traditional sense paradoxically we operate as a business with all the concomitant obligations i.e. salaries, medical insurance, retirement benefit, state and federal employment taxes... We don't usually consider these things when we think of church but these obligations are ours in justice. We owe our workers a just and living wage and benefits assured to all those who labor. I am happy to report that we have been able to continue to retain our staff at the present level. We will continue to assess this moving forward as we gauge our ability to pay our bills. Should we qualify for the loan offered by the government this will help greatly to get us through a difficult patch. It will not however be a permanent solution. We see in today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles how the Church pulled together in terms of creating an "institution" that would sustain both the proclamation of the Gospel as well as the numerous works of charity for which the Church is deservedly well known. Behind the scenes we have been working with our partners in ministry to do what we can in terms of the alleviation of suffering in this time of crisis. I am happy to report that last week we sent a donation of five hundred dollars to the Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service for their food pantry. The money came from a grant that we had been given by Catholic Charities and we could think of no better way to spend it. We will continue to assess the needs of the community and discern together as to how we may best serve to be leaven in the community. We are uniquely positioned between two worlds here, the Upper East Side and East Harlem. How we can work together to create a more just and loving world as we come through this time of pandemic will largely depend on our desire to be in solidarity with one another. In many ways the survival of the parish is critical not just to our parish community but to the community at large as we can be the leaven that helps to effect change. Once again I thank you for your generosity in sharing your material resources with the parish. If you have not been able to continue to make a financial offering your prayer and solidarity with us is equally important. Please know that we are united in prayer with you and are here to help in any way that we are able. If you are experiencing difficulty resulting from loss of job etc. please let us know. In solidarity and prayer we will come through this and emerge stronger.

ÚLTIMAS NOTICIAS & PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

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UN PROYECTO PARROQUIAL: AYUDENOS A IDENTIFICAR A NUESTRAS MAYORES DE EDAD

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Aquí hay un proyecto con el que necesitamos su ayuda: somos conscientes de que tenemos feligreses ancianos que pueden necesitar una llamada telefónica amigable o un poco de ayuda. El equipo pastoral conoce a las personas por sus rostros o por la misa a la que asisten, pero no necesariamente tenemos el número de teléfono de todos. (Es por eso que estamos trabajando activamente en la creación de un nuevo sistema de administración digital para nuestra iglesia.) Si conoce a una persona de la tercera edad en la parroquia, ¿podría enviar un correo electrónico a Jayne a jayneporcelli@sfdsnyc.org con su nombre y número de teléfono para que podamos llamarlos?

RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS: DESPENSAS GRATIS, PANTRIES DE ALIMENTOS, Y COMIDA PARA NIÑOS

www.sfdsnyc.org/blog/2020/3/23/food-pantries

Para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad parroquial, hemos comenzado a armar una lista completa de servicios sociales que ofrecen ayuda durante esta temporada de COVID-19 en lo alto de Manhattan. Si necesita ayuda con alimentos para usted o su familia, visite nuestro sitio web para obtener una lista de las despensas de alimentos que están actualmente abiertas y en servicio o llame a la oficina parroquial.



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. ¡Lleva un poco del ambiente de Frank's Cafe a donde quiera que estés!

11am en inglés:

para entrar digitalmente: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/852504686> o para llamar: 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 852 504 686

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: ¡*¡glesiemos!* 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

Al llegar a este segundo domingo de Pascua, las Escrituras nos ofrecen esta maravillosa descripción de la iglesia antigua en los Hechos de los Apóstoles. La Iglesia está viva con el Espíritu. La prueba de esto es la forma en que viven, escuchando y proclamando la palabra, partiendo el pan y en su capacidad de vivir fraternalmente. Una señal de esto es compartir sus bienes, es decir, posesiones materiales. ¡Algunos podrían ver esto como un prototipo de utopía socialista! Sin embargo, esto fue para la Iglesia primitiva una conclusión lógica de la enseñanza de Jesús de vender lo que tienes y dar a los pobres, de confiar radicalmente en Dios para satisfacer tus necesidades. El Papa Francisco pidió la semana pasada un regreso a esta Iglesia primitiva a través de una forma de vida misericordiosa. Pidió a las naciones ricas del mundo que consideren dos cosas, la eliminación de la deuda para los países más pobres y un llamado a considerar un salario básico universal. Ambas medidas simplemente ponen en práctica la misericordia por la cual Jesús llama. El tema de la justicia también es prominente porque una economía global se construye sobre las espaldas de los pobres. Les debemos en justicia un "pedazo del pastel". Estas medidas también son lo que muchos consideran buenos consejos para la creación de un mundo más justo y sostenible para todos. La pandemia actual nos ha recordado cuán frágil puede ser la sostenibilidad de todos. La respuesta a esto no es retirarse a un nacionalismo fuera de lugar, sino abrazar la fraternidad que promueve el Evangelio. La Iglesia antigua estaba claramente interesada en compartir recursos y vivir de una manera radicalmente generosa. A medida que vivimos en este tiempo de resurrección a pesar del miedo al momento presente, reconocemos que no somos diferentes de esa Iglesia primitiva que conocía el terror de la persecución y la naturaleza frágil de la vida. También hacemos un llamado al poder que se nos otorga en virtud de la cruz y la resurrección a medida que avanzamos valientemente en la creación de un mundo que coloca la solidaridad y la fraternidad sobre el llamado equivocado al sectarismo y al excepcionalísimo.

*Paz,
Padre Kelly*

Actualización Financiera

Primero quiero agradecer a todos los que, a través de su compromiso y generosidad, han mantenido ardiendo los fuegos domésticos aquí en nuestra parroquia. Su contribución continúa y, en algunos casos, mayor ha ayudado enormemente a compensar la pérdida de ingresos de la canasta dominical. Durante bastante tiempo hemos alentado un movimiento de la forma tradicional de ofrecer, es decir, la canasta dominical a las donaciones en línea o electrónicas. Esto ha demostrado ser sabio dada la crisis actual. Continuaremos viendo muchos cambios en términos de cómo "hacemos iglesia", sin duda, una mayor dependencia de que las donaciones electrónicas sean significativas. Si no ha cambiado, le animo si es posible hacer el cambio ahora. El proceso es bastante fácil en términos de registro. Lo remito a nuestra página web de la parroquia sfdsnyc.org y al icono de donación en la parte superior de la página. La Arquidiócesis ha pedido a todas las parroquias que soliciten los préstamos ofrecidos por la Administración de Pequeños Negocios para ayudar a cubrir el costo de la nómina de sueldos por 90 días. Hemos completado la documentación necesaria y presentado nuestra solicitud. Te dejaré saber dónde estamos con eso. Si bien no somos una empresa en el sentido tradicional, paradójicamente, operamos como una empresa con todas las obligaciones concomitantes, es decir, salarios, seguro médico, beneficios de jubilación, impuestos estatales y federales sobre el empleo ... Nosotros generalmente no consideramos estas cosas cuando pensamos en la iglesia, pero estas obligaciones son nuestras en la justicia. Les debemos a nuestros trabajadores un salario justo y digno y beneficios asegurados a todos aquellos que trabajan. Me complace informar que hemos podido retener nuestro personal en el nivel actual. Continuaremos evaluando esto en el futuro a medida que calculemos nuestra capacidad de pagar nuestras cuentas. Si calificamos para el préstamo ofrecido por el gobierno, esto será de gran ayuda para superar este tiempo que es difícil para todos. Sin embargo, no será una solución permanente. Vemos en la primera lectura de Hechos de los Apóstoles de hoy cómo la Iglesia se unió en términos de crear una "institución" que sustente tanto la proclamación del Evangelio como las numerosas obras de caridad por las cuales la Iglesia es merecidamente conocida. Detrás de escena, hemos estado trabajando con nuestros socios en el ministerio para hacer lo que podamos en términos del alivio del sufrimiento en este momento de crisis. Me complace informar que la semana pasada enviamos una donación de quinientos dólares al Servicio de Salud Familiar de las Hermanitas de la Asunción para su despensa de alimentos. El dinero provenía de una subvención que nos había sido otorgada por Caridades Católicas y no podíamos pensar en una mejor manera de gastarla. Continuaremos evaluando las necesidades de la comunidad y discerniendo juntos cómo podemos servir mejor para ser levadura en la comunidad. Estamos en una posición única entre dos mundos aquí, el Upper East Side y East Harlem. Cómo podemos trabajar juntos para crear un mundo más justo y amoroso a medida que atravesamos este tiempo de pandemia dependerá en gran medida de nuestro deseo de ser solidarios unos con otros. En muchos sentidos, la supervivencia de la parroquia es fundamental no solo para nuestra comunidad parroquial, sino también para la comunidad en general, ya que podemos ser la levadura que ayuda a lograr el cambio. Una vez más les agradezco su generosidad al compartir sus recursos materiales con la parroquia. Si no ha podido continuar haciendo una oferta financiera, su oración y solidaridad con nosotros son igualmente importantes. Por favor, sepa que estamos unidos en oración con usted y estamos aquí para ayudar de cualquier manera que podamos. Si tiene dificultades como resultado de la pérdida de trabajo, etc., infórmenos. En solidaridad y oración, saldremos de esto y saldremos más fuertes.

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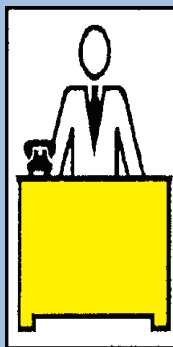
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