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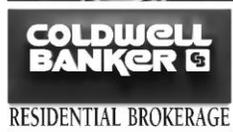
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Todos son bienvenidos en la casa de Dios

September 23, 2018
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Wisdom: 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading

James: 3:16--4:3

Gospel

Mark: 9:30-37

"There is a harmony in autumn, which through the summer is not heard or seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been."

--Percy Bysshe Shelley



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Dignity Announcements

Note: The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Please turn off cell phones during liturgy. Dignity/Boston continues to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expression. Unfortunately, our current Order of Service and hymnals do not reflect that well. As we strive to do a better job, we encourage you to change language as needed. We also encourage you to identify the pronouns you use on your name tag.

Presider(s): Ted

Gathering: The Summons (700)

Psalm: I Will Walk in the Presence of God (sheet)

Anointing: The Peace of God

Preparation: Only This I Want (695)

Communion: Bread for the World (827)

Sending Forth: Anthem (690)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.

Second Collection: Tonight's Dignity/Boston Second Collection will benefit the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP). SNAP is the oldest and most active support group for those wounded by religious and institutional authorities. In addition to support groups and chapters all over the world, they also offer resources for legal action, helpful suggestions for choosing a therapist, and connections to other helpful organizations. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to "Dignity/Boston", Dignity will then write one larger check for SNAP. Thanks, in advance, for your generosity.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is tonight (9/23) after service. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the committee and its work.

Blessing of the Animals: Please join us on Sunday, 10/7 at 3:15 p.m. in Blackstone Square Park, which is across from St. Stephen's, for the Blessing of the Animals. There will be a brief prayer service followed by a blessing of each of the animals (or a picture of your pet if your pet is unable to attend). Since the Doodle poll showed a tie for best date between 10/7 and 10/14, we are having the Blessing on 10/7 with a rain date on 10/14. We hope to see you there!

Interfaith Action for Transgender Equality: Please join us on this Thursday (9/27) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Temple Israel (477 Longwood Ave, Boston). This is an urgent interfaith action on Massachusetts Question #3 (to keep or repeal the protections for transgender people in public places). Dignity/Boston is joining with people of many faiths to show the voters of Massachusetts that this is a faith issue, to support equal protections for all members of our community by voting "Yes on 3". Dignity/Boston is a sponsor along with more than a dozen faith communities. We hope to see you there.

Solidarity Sunday: Dignity/Boston and DignityUSA participate in Solidarity Sunday, which is on Sunday, 10/7. It's a faith-based anti-violence initiative. DignityUSA initiated Solidarity Sunday in 1995 as a way of making our opposition to anti-LGBTQI violence visible. To participate, pray for an end to anti-LGBTQI violence, wear a rainbow ribbon, educate as many people as possible about the need to stop violence against all people, especially LGBTQI, and take the Solidarity Pledge, found at www.dignityusa.org/article/solidarity-pledge.

Book of Names: Next Sunday (9/30) the Book of Names will be available. Please consider writing the names of those who have died within the last year in the book with names being read at our 10/28 Liturgy of Remembrance.

Name Tags: You're invited wear a name tag at liturgy. By doing this, you are a welcoming presence to new folks in our community. By identifying your pronouns on your name tag, we show that we are a welcoming community to all, especially those who identify as transgender. Name tags are available as you enter the church.

The Bulletin is a weekly publication of Dignity/Boston. Listings are at the discretion of the Dignity/Boston Board. The chapter does not endorse nor will be responsible for any personal views expressed in these announcements. In unusual circumstances, such as when the Governor declares a State of Emergency because of bad weather, Dignity/Boston may cancel its events, including the regular Sunday liturgy. Cancellations will be posted on our website and recorded on our voicemail message at 617-421-1915. We will email the cancellation to the listserv. Dignity/Boston is a progressive and inclusive Catholic community for people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities, especially gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons, our family, friends and supporters. Board meetings and Liturgy Committee meetings are open to all members of Dignity/Boston. Both groups meet monthly year-round. All meetings are announced in the bulletin, during announcements at the end of liturgy each Sunday, and at www.dignityboston.org. To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email dignityinfo@dignityboston.org, or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at houlivan@gmail.com. The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m. except during the summer when the Bulletin deadline moves to 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday.