



DIGNITY / FORT LAUDERDALE

THE WORD *MARCH 2012*

Serving the Roman Catholic GLBT Community, its families & friends in Broward County since 1986

From the President's Desk:

Springing into March:

March 20 marks the first day of the Spring season. We have much to do to complement this Spring month.

First on our March Spring agenda, Gay pride weekend, March 10-11. Preparing for the pride weekend will not require for us to set-up a table or manage booth. But we do need to prepare. How? Plan to attend the event, be visible and importantly be inviting. While at the event, wear your Dignity name tag or a shirt with a Dignity logo. Be prepared to share: what is Dignity doing? What of interest is Dignity offering? Sharing can be as simple as giving a monthly newsletter, or a copy of the Holistic Spiritual Series brochure or give out copy of Sr. Joan's Chittisters's prayer "For those whom Jesus Loved (with Dignity info printed on back). Also be prepared to learn about and discover what other GLBT organizations are doing and offering. Is there an event that you discovered that might be a good idea for our Dignity chapter to sponsor, attend, and/or support?

March is a time to "spring ahead". Remember on Sunday March 11 to change clocks forward one hour. One hour less sleep while we begin saving daylight.

We will be celebrating a green-spring day on Saturday March 17, by commemorating St. Patrick's Day with our monthly dinner and movie night. We will be meeting at Tropics for some corn beef and cabbage and toasting with the Gaelic words shlàinte / do dheagh shlàinte (to your health). Our Reservation is set for 6PM. The movie choices will be discussed at dinner.

Speaking of shlàinte, our holistic series continues on Sun March 25 with Hot Health Topics at 5:30 at Holy Angels Hall. Fr. Kevin filled the hall at his last talk.

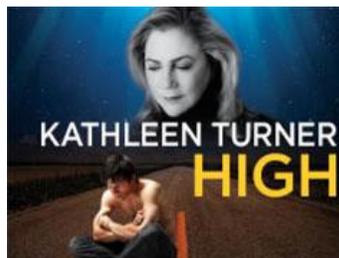
Upcoming Events:

Every Sunday 7:00 PM.....	Liturgy
Mar 3 rd 8:00 PM.....	Theater Outing
Mar 10 th & 11 th	Gay Pride Weekend
Mar 17 th 6:00 PM	Dinner/Move Night
Mar 25 th 5:30 PM	Holistic Talk #3
Mar 31 st 4:00 PM	Board Meeting
Apr 8 th 8:00 PM	Easter Potluck

Among this pleasure, some business must fall. Board members are reminded that we will be meeting on Saturday March 31 at 4PM.

PARKER PLAYHOUSE OUTING **"HIGH" WITH KATHLEEN TURNER** **SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 8:00 PM**

Several members plan to attend the March 3rd performance of Kathleen Turner in the Broadway play "High" on Saturday night, March 3rd at 8 PM at the Parker Playhouse. The play is a three-character show where Turner plays salty-tongued Sister Jamison Connelly, trying to help a 19-year-old meth-addicted, gay teen prostitute overcome his addiction and where her own faith is ultimately tested. HIGH explores the universal themes of truth, forgiveness, redemption and human fallibility.



HOLISTIC (BODY, MIND, SPIRIT) SERIES TO BE OFFERED DURING THE SPRING

Fr. Kevin will continue his holistic series this month with a talk on “Hot Health Topics: Prostrate, Heart Related Issues, Depression and Herbal Remedies.” This series is open to all, members and non-members

The remaining topics in the series are:

Topic	Location	Date	Time
Hot Health Topics: Prostate, Heart Related, Depression, Herbal Remedies	Holy Angels	Sunday, 3/25/2012	5:30pm
Sexual Gratification, Intimacy, and Health for GLBTs	Pride Center at Equality Park	Wednesday, 4/25/2012	7:30pm
Caring for Self	Holy Angels	Sunday, 5/20/2012	5:30pm
Mental Health & the Human Spirit	Holy Angels	Sunday, 6/24/2012	5:30pm

We hope our members and friends will be able to make some if not all of these seminars.

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, MARCH 17th AT 6:00 P.M.

We will celebrate St Patrick’s Day during our monthly dinner and movie night on Saturday, March 17th at 6:00 PM. We will meet at Tropics located at 2000 Wilton Drive. One of their dinner specials will be corner beef and cabbage. Afterwards, we will decide what movie we will see.



If you are planning to attend the dinner, please contact George Cullen at 954-465-3317 or at GFCullen@bellsouth.net by **Sunday night, March 11th** so we can make reservations. If you plan to only go to the movie please call or email George by Friday, March

16th. Come join us for a night of good food, good company and a little bit of blarney!

REFLECTIONS: HAVE A GREAT LENT?

A week ago, a friend ended his email by writing, “Have great Lent.” I don’t know about you but in the past the only good thing about Lent was the end of it when I could go back to my “wicked ways” – eating chocolate, drinking coffee or not going to daily Mass. The good nuns taught me in my younger days that Lent was a time for penance (i.e. suffering.) No one ever had fun during Lent. (The nuns saw to that!)

A few years ago, I began to see Lent as a way to reinvigorate my New Year’s resolutions. (By the beginning of Lent, they were mostly forgotten.)

The last week I saw this piece of clipart



Love Life – Live Lent. Now there is a concept the good nuns never mentioned! Lent as a way to reflect on our lives and see how we are incorporating the gospel message in our day-to-days activities. Fr. Kevin in one of his homilies suggested focusing on one of the seven daily sins. An alternative could be focusing on one of the spiritual or corporal works of mercy.

Lent is a time to reflect on our talents (what we have to offer others) and our shortcomings (what keeps us from being the person that God wants us to be).

Since the seven deadly sins and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy may not be on the tip of everyone’s tongue, here are the lists:

Seven Deadly Sins:

1. Greed
2. Envy
3. Lust
4. Gluttony
5. Anger
6. Sloth
7. Pride

