
DIGNITY / FORT LAUDERDALE INC. The Word

Serving the Roman Catholic GLBT Community, families & friends in Broward & Miami-Dade Counties...January 2008

From the President:

The Refugees

During the last week in December, I drove the Second Presbyterian Church and they had as the topic for that Sunday's sermon, "The Refugee Family". It was the feast of the Holy Family and the gospel reading was about their flight to Egypt.

It could be said that we are refugees from the parish churches. While we are welcomed if we act "properly" (i.e. don't hold your partner's hand and NO kissing during the sign of peace), we know we are not unconditionally welcomed.

That is why Dignity exists - that GLBT Catholic community has a place to feel safe and express our faith and sexuality openly. Sometimes I don't know which is difficult, being Gay in the Catholic Church or being openly catholic in the GLBT Community. Both have it encounters with prejudice. Hopefully in time, prejudice like Herod, will die and it will be safe to return. Until then, we have each other.

On behalf of the board, I want to wish all of our members and friends a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

George Cullen



Chapter's Events

<i>Every Sunday 7:30 PM.....</i>	<i>Liturgy</i>
<i>Sat. Jan 12th 7:00 PM.....</i>	<i>Home Social</i>
<i>Sat Jan 19th 6:00 PM ..</i>	<i>Dinner & Movie Night</i>
<i>Wed Feb 6th 7:00 PM.....</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
	<i>Home Mass</i>
<i>Sun Feb 10th 7:30 PM</i>	<i>Annual</i>
	<i>Couples Blessing</i>

HOME SOCIAL

On Saturday, January 12th at 7 PM, Nick Caputo will be hosting a social at his condo located at 1421 S Ocean Blvd located north of Commercial Blvd. The cost of this fundraiser is \$15 pp. If you plan to attend, please call Nick at 954-946-8274 or sign up after any Liturgy. You do not have to be a member to attend.

The social will be held in the condo's clubhouse located on the first floor. To get into the building, call Nick's home phone (954-946-8274). If there is no answer, please dial his cell at 954-895-6119.

We hope to see a lot of our members and friends there.

MOVIE NIGHT: JANUARY 19TH

Our monthly dinner and movie night will be held on Saturday, January 19TH at approximately 6 PM at the Tropics located on Wilton Drive.

You do not have to be a member to join us for a night of fun. And you do not have to attend both the dinner and the movie. Some people opt for one or the other. If you plan to attend, please contact George Cullen at 954-739-0003. He will call you on Saturday morning with the exact time that we will meet at the restaurant.

ASH WEDNESDAY HOME LITURGY

We haven't put our Christmas decorations away and we are talking about Lent! Lent begins early this year – February 6th. Bill Weber will be hosting a home liturgy in his house that evening at 7:00 PM. More information and directions will be in the February newsletter. Please save the date!

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

ANNUAL COUPLES BLESSING

All you couples, please save Sunday night, February 10th for our annual couples' blessing. It is an opportunity to allow the Dignity Community to affirm your union. The blessing will take place during that evening's Liturgy. We hope all of our members and friends, whether single or partnered, can join in this annual celebration.

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