A Letter from the Thanksgiving Community Dinner Chairs

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Dear Parishioners & Community Members,

We both had heavy hearts when it was clear our sit-down community Thanksgiving dinner held at Saint Stephen of Hungary School would have to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The preparation, shopping, cooking, peeling, serving, setting and the connections this year will be sadly missed.

We felt the need to still do something for the numerous community members stuck at home, so we approached one of our neighborhood restaurant’s, **Dorrian’s Red Hand** located at 1616 2nd Avenue. Dorrian’s was more than happy to partner with the parish in order to provide the desired meals this year.

Dorrian’s Red Hand will provide a Thanksgiving Dinner at a discounted price. In order to obtain a dinner, anyone interested will have to buy a ticket at the parish center. Tickets are available now and cost $5 each.

The meals will need to be picked up at Dorrian’s Red Hand (at the service door on E84th Street and 2nd avenue). The meals can be picked up on Wednesday November 25th between 12PM-4PM. Again, you must have a ticket to retrieve a meal.

In order to provide Dorrian’s Red Hand ample time to prepare the necessary meals ticket sales will conclude at the Parish Center (406 E80th Street) on Monday November 16th.

There is a gap between the discounted cost of the meal and the $5 ticket price. The parish will offset this cost. If anyone is interested in making a monetary contribution toward this expense, please contact the parish office to do so.

We both wish you all much health and peace this Thanksgiving season, we are grateful for our past partnerships and look forward to the meals we will have again in the future. Please remember your own neighbors everyday as they need you too. Together, our helping hands, helped build the Community Thanksgiving Dinner to what it is.......And hopefully next year, we will be able to continue our traditional dinner in person!!  Until then, Have a lovely Thanksgiving.  Stay safe!

In Friendship,

Barbara Murphy & Roz Panepento