

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

7/19/11

(Standup Week 323)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

## Why are we in Iraq?

**Not** because of weapons of mass destruction. **Not** because Iraq was involved in 9/11. **Not** because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

## What have we gotten?

### In Iraq

US military dead: **4,473**  
US military wounded: **33,105**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **111,294\***  
Money spent on war: **\$792 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,665**  
US military wounded: **12,450**  
Afghani civilians killed: **12,593**  
Money spent on war: **\$434 billion**

## Who are we?

**Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

**Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

**Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

\*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



## Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War

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## “Who are the Peacemakers?”

By Sister Kathleen Ries

Let me share a peacemaker whom I greatly admire: Daniel Berrigan, SJ. Daniel lives in a Jesuit community in Manhattan; an old man now in his eighties. I have known of him my entire adult life. I learned about him in the 1960s when, as part of the Catonsville Nine, he participated in burning the files of 378 young men soon to be drafted for military service. He went underground in 1970, was on the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted List, was arrested, and served two years in prison.

He became and remains one of this country’s leading voices for peace and disarmament. He has remained true to his calling as a peacemaker and it is for this reason that I have such great admiration for him.

Two quotes from his writings:

“One is called to live nonviolently, even if the change one works for seems impossible. It may or may not be possible to turn the US around through nonviolent revolution. But one thing favors such an attempt: the total inability of violence to change anything for the better.”

“We want peace; but most of us do not want to pay the price of peace. We still dream of a peace that has no cost attached. We want peace, but we live content with poverty and injustice and racism, with the murder of prisoners and students, the despair of the poor to whom justice is endlessly denied. We long for peace, but we wish also to keep undisturbed a social fabric of privilege and power that controls.”



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