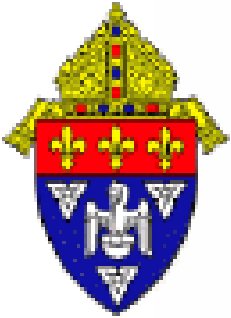


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## **THE VERCELLIAN**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

This past Sunday we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent; the start of a new liturgical year. The Gospel's message; be alert, prepare, watch, is a call to action for us as individuals and as a Holy Name Society. Jesus is telling us that we must be watchful of his coming, both the celebration of His birth, and more importantly His second coming. He stresses that each of us must continue with the work that He, the master has given us. As individuals we must continue to pray, worship, read the scriptures, and receive the sacraments. However, I task is much greater as Holy Name members. As Holy Name members our lives must exemplify our faith as an example to lead others to Jesus. Whether we actively participate in the parish ministries or only attend mass, we must always do so with reverence to God and Jesus and with a sense of piety at all times. This season of advent offers many opportunities for personal spiritual growth and to foster the growth of our membership. Many of us will sponsor Advent retreats, days of prayer, evening Vespers, and encourage parishioners to pray the radio rosary with us. Allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us and the love of and for Jesus to shine from us, as we reach out to others with invitations to join us will plant many seeds for the Kingdom of God. It will also harvest the many souls where our actions planted seeds in days and years past. As we prepare ourselves, our families, and our parish to celebrate the birth of our Savior during this season of Advent, let each of us be mindful of Jesus' instruction; we do not know when the Lord is coming, be prepared and watch. I wish each of you and your families a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Joseph Simon  
President

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# ROSARY DRIVE



## RADIO ROSARY 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

The Rosary Drive is our main source of income and its never to early to start planning your parishes Rosary Drive.

Your effort and hard work are greatly appreciated.

ROSARY DRIVE ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT BOB RAUCH AT 831-343488 OR 722-9422

**Deadline March 31, 2018**



*“Dear children, I turn to you as your mother, the mother of the just, the mother of those who love and suffer, the mother of those who are holy. My children, you too can be holy – this depends on you. Those who are holy are those who immeasurably love the Heavenly Father, those who love Him above all. Therefore, my children, always strive to be better. If you strive to be good you can be holy even though you may not think so of yourselves. If you think that you are good, you are not humble, and arrogance distances you from holiness. In this peaceless world full of threats, your hands, apostles of my love, should be extended in prayer and mercy.*”



## *EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING*

*Tuesday December 19, 2017*

All Holy Name Society members are encouraged to attend our monthly executive board meeting held on the third Tuesday of every month. Come and bring your ideas and be a part of our renewal plans and future success!

**The meetings are held at St. Dominic Parish in  
the Priory  
775 Harrison Avenue New Orleans, La. at  
7:00pm.**

# COME JOIN US!!

The continued success of our society is greatly dependent on our members attending and supporting the decisions made at these meetings. Your attendance will help us to continue bringing new and innovative ideas to our members.

## Hard to Find Jesus in Holiday Clutter

BY BILL DUNN 12/2/2017 3:00:10 PM [HTTP://WWW.CATHOLIC365.COM/ARTICLE/7875/HARD-TO-FIND-JESUS-IN-HOLIDAY-CLUTTER.HTML](http://www.catholic365.com/article/7875/hard-to-find-jesus-in-holiday-clutter.html)



This week is the first Sunday of Advent. It seems like we just packed away the Christmas stuff and now we have to bring it all out again. (I realize this doesn't apply to everyone. Some folks start celebrating the Christmas season right around Halloween. But in my family, we're traditionalists. We don't go bonkers for Christmas until the proper time: thirty seconds after the conclusion of Thanksgiving dinner.)

The gospel reading for the first Sunday of Advent is a very short passage from Mark. Jesus gave a warning about the end times when He would return to judge the world. He said, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come....What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Advent is a time of watching and waiting. It is a four-week period of preparation for the coming of the Lord.

Nowadays, it takes an especially keen eye to see the Lord anywhere among the avalanche of secular Christmas glitz. We can easily find ourselves overwhelmed by trees and lights and holly and mistletoe and parties and presents and shopping and over-eating and on and on and on. We can hop aboard the non-stop, six-week, Ho-ho-ho express and never once give a fleeting thought to the One for whom the Christmas season was originally intended. (I'll give you a hint: His name is not Santa.)

You can watch hundreds of hours of Christmas specials on TV and never once hear even an oblique reference to Jesus. Virtually all of the “holiday programming” steers quite clear of the religious origin of Christmas.

Let’s face it, Jesus Christ is *persona non grata* in our present culture. Despite the fact three out of four American citizens describe themselves as Christian, there is a small but powerful segment of society passionately working overtime to rid the public square of any religious influence.

The level of animosity reaches its zenith during the Christmas season—“Christmas season,” by the way, being a phrase that is banned by many schools and municipal operations. I’m still at a loss to figure out how the First Amendment clause, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,” can be invoked when a sixth grade chorus sings “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.” Is a sixth grade chorus the same as the U.S. Congress? (No, of course not. The sixth graders are more mature.) Is singing a Christmas carol the same as passing federal legislation? I really don’t get it.

On the other hand, I can find nowhere in the Constitution the clause, “All citizens have the right never to be offended.” If someone is truly offended by a rendition of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas,” why doesn’t he or she just skip this year’s Christmas concert? (Oops, I mean, “Winter Concert.”)

Anyway, Advent is a time when we should be “watching” for the coming of the Lord, waiting in anticipation for His arrival. But if you spend this December watching for Jesus in all the usual places—shopping malls, office parties, in front of the TV—you are not very likely to spot Him.

I’m afraid you’re going to have to work at it if you want to see Jesus this season. Skip a Sunday shopping excursion and instead go to church. Turn off the TV and read the Nativity verses in the Bible. Spend a little less time (not to mention effort and money) decorating your house to look like a Las Vegas casino and instead sit down with your kids and pray for God’s peace and love to fill your family and friends. Try to remember, for a change, that Jesus is truly the reason for the season.

## **Holy Piety**

Grace to you!

Reverence for the things of God shows in many ways. If you are a Catholic, you don't need to travel far to observe it. Simply visit a church and stay in the back of the pews in a church where the Blessed Sacrament is (reposed).

Observe how people walk in and out of the church. You could tell who is reverent and who isn't.

Another example, observe priests celebrate Mass. Before long you could tell who is reverent and who is behaving as if performing a duty he isn't passionate about.

Piety is that virtue that expresses reverence and deep devotion for the things of God. You see it as people come to church, receive communion or handle things related to worship. You could tell it by how people keep their bible or handle sacred books.

Some may say it doesn't matter how I treat things related to God. It doesn't matter how I behave during Liturgy (worship). Some may say what is important is to have faith and be a good person. They forget that the level of our faith and commitment to God shows in the way we revere things related to God.

For instance, if you truly believe in Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I suppose, it will shape the way you treat the Eucharist?

On our anthropological (human) level, if you believe in the sacredness of life,

won't it inform your decisions regarding life, from conception to natural death? If you believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God, won't it manifest in reverence for the human person irrespective of their race, sex or religion? Our reverence in worship overflows to reverence on the streets and at homes.

May I give you an example from a story cast over 2200 years ago. It was about King Belshazzar who was the successor of King Nebuchadnezzar. He was so irreverent that he brought in the sacred cups and vessels used in the Jerusalem temple for worship and used them for his own party in his palace. By so doing, he blurred the line between the sacred and the worldly. He showed irreverence of the highest order.

We read from the story that suddenly the “finger of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall in the palace of the king.” The writing declared the end of the reign of the king. Daniel, the reverent one, was the interpreter of the message.

We are not to blur the line between what is sacred and our worldly concerns. Holy piety is a wonderful virtue. God and the things of God deserve our utmost reverence.

We learn from this story how not to be irreverent. Glorify God, honor and acknowledge Him, and “He will direct your paths” (Prov. 3:6)

God love you. God bless you.

Fr. Maurice Emelu

## Monthly Meeting and Parish Reports

The meeting began with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Pres. Joe Simon reported that Monsignor Gautreaux's health is improving.

Treasurers Report— Our checking account balance as of October 31, 2017 is \$3708.38

Parish Reports:

Christ the King - They had 14 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. They 13 members that attended their monthly mass and 21 at their monthly meeting.

St. Maria Goretti - They had 11 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. They had 22 members that attended their monthly meeting.

St. Christopher - No report

St. Matthew - No report

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — No report

St. Dominic— They had 5 members that attended their Radio Rosary Recitation.

Our Lady of Mercy — They had 7 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

Hunt Prison— They had 19 inmates, Chaplin Jules Toliver, Herman Sweeney and Ronnie Rome that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

Our Lady of the Rosary — They had 6 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation and 10 members that attended their monthly mass.



St. Joan of Arc/Blessed Sacrament— They had 11 members that attended their monthly mass and meeting. They had 8 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. Their annual Family Breakfast will be held on December 10, 2017 following 8:00 mass.

Most Holy Trinity— They had 12 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation and 12 members that attended their monthly mass.

St. Anthony's Garden—Eight members of Most Holy Trinity Parish recited the Radio Rosary.

St. Clement of Rome—They had 6 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation and 10 members that attended their monthly mass.

**Radio Rosary Chairman : No report**

**Spiritual Renewal :**

Anthony Cucchi - St Dominic will begin reciting the Novena to Blessed John more information will follow.

**Membership and Youth— No report**

Old Business : Revisited hosting the National Holy Name Convention in 2021.

New Business : None

Presidents report : Joe pasted out an annual report form to be reviewed and discussed at our next meeting. Discussed the possibility of starting new spiritual activities in our parishes and Societies taking a more active roll in our parishes.

Closing prayers— 8:30

Our website address is

[www.noauhns.org](http://www.noauhns.org)



Please notice that the website includes an icon to make donations to the Holy Name Society and the Rosary Drive.

**Website Highlights**

9 day Novena to Blessed John of Vercelli

Video clip of the rededication of the Shrine of Blessed John of Vercelli at St. Dominic Church

Holy Name Society Monthly Newsletter

Holy Name Society Radio Rosary Schedule

Memorial list of deceased members and families

Please take advantage of the many benefits of our website!

**If your parish has any upcoming events that we can advertise in the newsletter and post on the website**

**Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407.**

**The National Holy Name Societies website has been updated . The website address is NAHNS.COM**

**Anyone can go online to read the latest edition of the national newsletter.**



## HOLY NAME NEWSLETTER ADS AND MEMORIALS

The cost for and ad is used to defer the administrative cost to publish the newsletter. **We would appreciate it if those parishes that haven't taken an ad please speak to your members about taking out and ad.** We have lowered the cost to make it possible for more parishes to afford to take an ad and support our efforts. Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407 about renewing your ad if you haven't done so already. Thanks to those parishes that have supported us.

Yearly ads: 3 ½" X 2" ..... \$ 5.00  
4 ½ X 3" ..... \$15.00  
5 ½ X 4" ..... \$25.00

### Memorials—\$ 5.00/per year

**If you have a loved one that you would like to add to our memorial page please email the information to [anthonys@nocoxmail.com](mailto:anthonys@nocoxmail.com)**

**If any updates need to be made on your ad please contact us at 481-3407**



## **WVOG – 600 AM    LIVE RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST**

**The 2018 Radio Rosary Schedule is now on our website!**

**We currently do not have enough parishes participating in the live radio rosary broadcast to have every weekday covered. If any parish is interested in participating in our broadcast or if you know someone we can contact at another parish please contact Anthony Smith at 504-481-3407 or our rosary chairman**

**BOB RAUCH AT 831-3488 OR 722-9422**

## **HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTION PRAYER LIST**

In Loving Memory Of

Patricia Smith  
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Vicky Ledet  
Jerry Hymel  
Conchetta & Peter Seleci  
Vincent Seleci  
Gasper Seleci  
Theresa & Douglas Haskins  
“In Memory of Our Deceased HNS Members –  
Our Lady of the Rosary Church”  
Ignace Tanner  
Vergel Duplessis  
Ben Raphael  
Aaron Gilyard  
Archbishop Philip Hannan  
Rev. John Bendix S. D. Past Spiritual Director  
Rev. Reginald Masterson - Past Spiritual Director  
Rev. Victor Brown—Past Spiritual Director  
Vincent T. LoCoco

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Let us open our eyes and our ears to His  
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Holy is the Name of Jesus now and  
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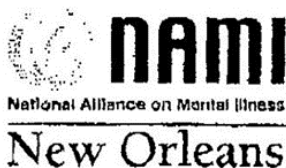
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## Help Create a Better New Orleans!

*Apply to Become a Board Member for NAMI New Orleans!*

### About NAMI New Orleans:

*NAMI New Orleans, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, offers hope, help, and healing to people with mental illness - and to those who share their lives - through family support, education and advocacy, and quality psychosocial services. Our work helps individuals live with dignity and independence within the community, enriching all of our lives.*

*The Board of Directors of NAMI New Orleans is the policy making body of the organization. Board members are volunteers elected to serve a three-year term.*

**Contact Lisa Romback  
to learn more!**

**504-896-2345**

**[Lisa@namineworleans.org](mailto:Lisa@namineworleans.org)**

### Are you our next Board Member?

*The NAMI New Orleans Board of Directors is comprised of members with professional experience useful to the organization and/or individuals whose lives and families are impacted by mental illness.*

We are especially looking for those meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- African American, Vietnamese, and/or Latino
- Those working in the criminal justice system
- Faith leaders and clergy
- Under 35 years of age

**Help NAMI New Orleans continue to thrive by joining our Board of Directors by November 15th**

#### Requirements:

- Attend 4-6 board meetings per year
- Help the Board of Directors to reach group decisions
- Actively participate on committees such as governance, fundraising, marketing / public relations, education / membership / outreach, finance, and more!
- Participate in fundraising activities and events, including the annual NAMI Walk held in September
- Maintain active NAMI New Orleans membership