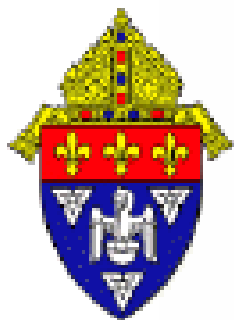


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## ***THE VERCELLIAN***



### **President's Letter**

The beauty, of all that is beautiful,  
 The joy, of all that is joyful  
 The glory, of all that is glorious.  
 Can you see all of these things

With your eyes? With your heart? With your faith?

Sometimes you look to the heavens and you cannot see "THE STAR," but you know that it is there.

When "THE STAR" is not visibly shining in the heavens, it's light still glows in your heart.

How do we express the wonder and mystery of all that this season means for us? We do, indeed, have a reason to celebrate, so let us get busy and prepare, let us make ready for the birthday of our Lord and Savior, JESUS THE CHRIST.

Our mines will dwell on the blessed mother and the gift that she is about to bring into the world. So special is she, that God the father has chosen and blessed her out of all the world to perform this HOLY Miracle.

Now let us fill our gift bags with HOPE, FORGIVENESS AND LOVE. Let us reach for the joy and the beauty of his glory, and all that it brings to us.

Let us share the gift of all these blessings with others DURING THIS SEASON OF JOY AND CELEBRATION.

YOURS IN CHRIST

Benny G Harris

President

New Orleans Archdiocesan Holy Name Societies

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## ROSARY DRIVE



### **RADIO ROSARY 73 rd 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, 2020**



“Dear children! May this time be a time of prayer for you. Without God you do not have peace. Therefore, little children, pray for peace in your hearts and families, so that Jesus can be born in you and give you His love and blessing. The world is at war because hearts are full of hatred and jealousy. In the eyes, little children, peacelessness is seen because you have not permitted Jesus to be born in your lives. Seek Him, pray, and He will give Himself to you in the Child who is joy and peace. I am with you and I pray for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



## *EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING*

*Tuesday December 17, 2019*

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.

## **MONTHLY MEETING AND PARISH REPORTS**

The meeting began with praying the rosary at 7:05 Pm.

President Bennie Harris called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Treasurer's Report- Our checking account balance as of October 31, 2019 is \$9,019.68.

### **Parish Reports**

St. Maria Goretti- Fifteen people attended the last rosary. Twenty-five members attended the meeting and mass. Starting December 1, 2019 families take home the Sacred Heart statue to pray and then passed on to another member.

St. Dominic – No report

St. Clement of Rome- Seven members attended the Holy Name Mass.

Most Holy Trinity – No report

Our Lady of Perpetual Help– Seven people attended the rosary. Fifteen members attended their mass and thirteen attended their meeting. They recently celebrated 150 years as a parish.

St. Matthew- Twelve people attended the rosary.

Blessed Sacrament /St. Joan of Arc-. Ten people attended the rosary. Eight members attended the meeting and mass.

Christ the King—Ten members attended their monthly mass, Eighteen attended their monthly meeting and Ten attended their Radio Rosary.

.Second Vice President- No Report

Rosary- No Report.

Spiritual Renewal-No report

Membership/Youth- No Report

2021 Convention Update- Larry Lagarde, convention chairman, reported that 2020 convention is in Cleveland from 23-27 September. The dates for the 2021 convention have not been set yet, but we must consider Hurricane Season when selected dates. He will contact Father Cedric Pisegna; the host of EWTN's Savoring our Faith in an attempt to secure his as guest speaker for the convention.

Third Vice President– No report

General- No Report

Old Business- President Bennie Harris stated that the Stop Profanity Program is ongoing. He is continuing the work to start rosary groups in every prison and juvenile facility.

New Business- No new business

President's Report-See front page of the newsletter

Closing prayers recited at 9:00pm

## **Caroline Sholl's Testimonial Regarding Her Husband Brian's Cure Through the Intercession of Blessed John of Vercelli | 1**

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In June of this year my husband went in to have removed what we thought was a benign cyst from the salivary gland in his jaw. The doctor called me in midway through surgery to let me know that he could tell just by looking at the cyst that it was cancerous. After typing the tumor it was determined that it was a very deadly albeit slow-growing form of salivary gland cancer.

The lump on his jaw had been there for at least 20 years and only recently had begun increasing in size.

When it was finally staged, because it was wrapped around his facial nerve and in his jaw muscle, it was considered stage 4.

As a married father with 4 young kids, this news was shocking to say the least. We were told to prepare for intense radiation to ensure every last cell in the salivary gland was killed.

I am a researcher by nature. So I began researching in earnest! When I learned just how aggressive the form of salivary cancer was, with a tendency to spread to the brain and lungs, I requested a full body PET scan.

Brian and I went in to get the results of the PET with the radiation oncologist. During our appointment, Brian's surgeon knocked on the door saying he had received a call from his nurse practitioner that the PET didn't look good. Brian's belly was filled with cancer. The docs were shocked because his type of salivary cancer doesn't usually spread to the places where the cancer in his belly was lighting up.

Surgery was scheduled for the next day to remove one of the superficial lymph nodes that lit up on the PET scan. When the pathology report came back it showed that it was not the same type of cancer in Brian's salivary gland. This meant he had TWO types of cancer. When the 2nd cancer was typed, we learned Brian had salivary cancer \*and\* Hodgkin lymphoma.

We were devastated. What I didn't know at the time was that this was actually good news! Because when his type of salivary cancer spreads it's virtually hopeless. But since it was a different type of cancer it meant the road ahead of us was going to be long but may be more optimistic than it would have been had the cancers matched.

We were told that once Brian finished treatment for the salivary cancer he would need to undergo 18 weeks of brutal chemo to treat the lymphoma.

Brian, a physical therapist, began 33 radiation treatments on his salivary gland, going first thing in the morning before work, then heading straight to the office to see a full day of patients. The treatments burned him terribly in his face, in his mouth, and down his throat. He lost almost 30 lbs because it was so painful to eat. Despite all of this, he didn't miss a day of work.

## **Caroline Sholl's Testimonial Regarding Her Husband Brian's Cure Through the Intercession of Blessed John of Vercelli | 2**

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We begged people for prayers during this time. Fr. Scott told us that he was praying for Brian's healing through the intercession of Blessed John of Vercelli. Which jogged my memory!

Every year on January 1st our family members each choose a saint for the year using a random online saint name generator. And the name Brian had been given was Blessed John of Vercelli! I remembered saying to him, "How cool! I'm pretty sure the national shrine for him is in our church at St. Dominic!"

After Mass one day when Brian remained home from Mass in excruciating pain, the kids and I joined Fr. Scott's intentions and wrote out our petition for Brian's healing and placed it in the basket in front of the statue of Bl. John. Each of the kids lit a candle as well.

When radiation was finished, Brian had a follow up PET scan 2 months later to make sure there were no cancer cells left in his jaw and to see how the lymphoma progressed. We received wonderful news! His jaw was completely clear and, what was so shocking was, the lymphoma had begun shrinking on its own.

Instead of enduring grueling chemo to treat the lymphoma, we are actively monitoring it with scan every 3 months to ensure that it is either stating the same or shrinking on its own. We give all glory to God through the intercession of Blessed John of Vercelli.

Thank you, Fr. Scott! -Caroline

## Hunger and Thirst

By Carol Monaco 29 November AD 2019 <https://www.catholicstand.com/hunger-and-thirst/>



Have you ever found yourself still looking for something to eat or drink after you've had a full meal? I have to admit that sometimes I forage through the refrigerator for anything to top off whatever I have eaten because I'm just not satisfied. What am I really looking for?

Perhaps my want for satisfaction runs deeper than what I can find in the fridge or cupboard. Of course, a nice glass of wine or a homemade chocolate chip cookie can quell my palate temporarily, but if I am completely honest with myself, there is something else going on. Have you ever had that feeling?

Oftentimes, we hunger and thirst but not for food or drink. What do we really want? We all know that life itself is not always satisfying as it can fall short of our expectations. We are left searching for something more than what we have, but we do not know what it is exactly or where to find it. Our Savior Jesus Christ knows. "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst," said Jesus [John 6:35].

### Body and Blood of Christ

Even with those assuring words from our Savior, I still find myself searching for satisfaction. Maybe I search because part of me is not fully confident in Our Lord's promise. That promise comes in the bread and wine—the body and blood of Christ—that we consume at Mass. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life," said Jesus [John 6:54].

Christ presents Himself in this life-giving sacrament. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me," said Jesus [John 6:57]. Giving us His body, blood, soul, and divinity, Christ gives Himself to us so that we can become one with Him as He is one with God.

However, if we take in the Holy Eucharist, but hold back ourselves spiritually and emotionally, we deny ourselves the fullness of the life God wants for each of us. We deny ourselves the fullness of God's grace. We deny ourselves the full satisfaction that only Our Lord can provide. The more we give of ourselves, the more we receive.

### Satisfaction

Therefore, when we receive the Holy Eucharist, let us do so physically, emotionally, and spiritually because through Christ, we see life as it is supposed to be lived—for the Kingdom of God. "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied," said Our Lord [Matthew: 5:6]. We hunger, we thirst, we yearn, we strive to be better than what we are for a greater purpose than what our earthly life has to offer.

Giving us His Son, God offers us life that is filled with faith, hope, and love. "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me," said Jesus [John 4:34] and Christ shares His food with us. As we receive our fill, let us invite others to Our Lord's table to help feed our world. Together, with Our Lord, our hunger and thirst will be satisfied. Amen.





**Would you  
say that in front  
of them...**

**Would you say  
that in front of  
Him?**



**Is your language fit for  
the KING?**

**The purpose of this campaign is to promote appropriate speech in our modern society that will encourage people to be more aware of what they are saying. As members of the Holy Name Society, we pledge to oppose "perjury, blasphemy, profanity, and obscene speech." We want to encourage all people to re-examine how they speak and to return to the practice of civility and responsible language.**



**NEW ORLEANS ARCHDIOCESAN  
UNION OF HOLY NAME SOCIETIES**



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 2019 Radio Rosary schedule is NOW on our website.**

**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

**IF YOU WISH TO PLACE AN AD PLEASE EMAIL YOUR  
AD COPY TO ANTHONYS2029@GMAIL.COM**

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 an 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 anthonys2029@gmail.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 2020 Radio Rosary Schedule has been emailed and will be available on our website soon**

**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***

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In Loving Memory Of

Patricia Smith

Amelia Kandalaft

Lee Le Blanc

Georgia Le Blanc

Audrey Ledet

Vicky Ledet

Jerry Hymel

Conchetta & Peter Selesi

Vincent Selesi

Gasper Selesi

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

Jonathan B. Scott

Luke Cuccia

Evelyn Cuccia

Kevin Cuccia

Anthony V. Cuccia

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

**Kenner, La.**

**IN MEMORIUM**

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FRANCIS WARREN  
CHARLES BALLARD  
JAY K. DAVIS  
JUDGE EDWARD STOULIG  
HENRY RENZ, JR.  
EDDIE ORTIZ  
GEORGE "RED" BENEFIEL  
MERLIN R. ROMIG  
RICHARD J. ACHEE  
LEO SANCHEZ**

**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

**River Ridge, La.**

**ESTABLISHED 1959**

**Father Joseph Tran, Pastor**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY  
AND IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME**

**Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us**

**St. Benilde Holy Name Society  
Metairie, La.**

**Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor  
Founded March 8, 1970**

**49 Years of service to the Radio Rosary  
And to the honor of His Sacred Name**

**Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us**



**St. Christopher's Holy Name Society  
Chartered 1950**

**At the Name of Jesus, every knee must  
bend in heaven, on earth and below the  
earth.**

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

New Orleans, LA

ESTABLISHED 1907

Rev. Jonathan P. Hemelt, Pastor

IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME AND  
IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY

ALSO IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED  
MEMBERS

**CHRIST THE KING  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

In support of the Holy Name Society  
Radio Rosary

Anthony Smith – President  
Gary Schlotterer – 1st Vice President  
Joe Boullosa – 2nd Vice President  
Leroy Gautreaux – Tres.  
Malcolm Ledet – Secy.  
Frank Fradella - Marshall

BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI  
PRAY FOR US!

**BLESSED SACRAMENT/  
ST. JOAN OF ARC  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Let us open our eyes and our ears to His  
presence through the Holy Rosary

Holy is the Name of Jesus now and  
forever more.

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
METAIRIE (Est. 1921)**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
SUPPORT THE RADIO ROSARY

Rev. Ronald L. Calkin

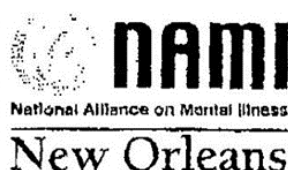
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## Help Create a Better New Orleans!

### *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





**The Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Parish Holy Name Society members and their families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.**

**May the Blessings of Our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you and your families at this most holy time of the year.**

**Archdiocese of New Orleans Holy Name Societies Executive Board**

**Benny Harris**

**President**