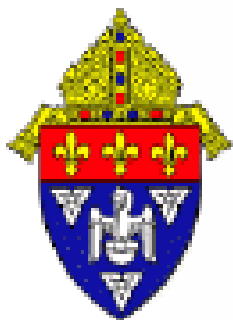


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Newsletter Date
March 11, 2021



THE VERCELLIAN



Now here we are, MARCH-ing through a new year. And what a year it promises to be.

This month marks one whole year of a terrible pandemic.

This month brings us to one week before the celebration of our lord's ultimate sacrifice for the gift of eternal life.

This month we have a president whose compassion and determination has led to passage of a bill that will relieve much suffering.

This month we have enough vaccine production capability to vaccinate everyone in America by the end of May.

This month brings hope that we can move our state convention back to the month of June and be able to have an in-person conference instead of a virtual one.

This month brings more hope for the success of our NATIONAL HOLY NAME SOCIETIES convention in November.

This month brings announcements of hopeful things that will provide more protection against hunger, illness, joblessness, homelessness and fear.

So, let us be thankful for what we do have and continue to pray for the success of our efforts to defeat the pandemic and the dark forces coming against our church. Let us pray for our priest, our deacons and our church lay staff.

Let us pray for our CHURCH, GOVERNMENT and COMMUNITY leaders, that they may be strong and keep GOD in all their decisions.

And let us pray that we find the strength and the wisdom to continue to serve our lord in the capacity of HOLY NAME SOCIETY members.

Let us do unto others, as Christ would have us do.

Yours in Christ
Benny G Harris

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ROSARY DRIVE



RADIO ROSARY 75TH 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, 2021**



“Dear children! God has permitted me to be with you also today, to call you to prayer and fasting. Live this time of grace and be witnesses of hope, because I repeat to you, little children, that with prayer and fasting also wars can be suppressed. Little children, believe and live this time of grace in faith and with faith; and my Immaculate Heart does not leave any of you in peacelessness if you have recourse to me. I intercede for you before the Most High and I pray for peace in your hearts and for hope for the future. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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 virtual meetings held on Zoom. Our next meeting is Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

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.

Our website address is

www.noauhns.org

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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 2021 RADIO ROSARY SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS WE CAN RESUME LIVE BROADCASTS.

The National Holy Name Societies website address is
NAHNS.COM

You can also like us on facebook! The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/hnsnola>

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

National Holy Name Convention in 2021

Greetings in The Holy Name of Jesus!! I am elated to report that we have an agreement with the Omni Royal Orleans to host our national Holy Name convention next November 17-21, 2021.

We have a good framework in place to assure that we have a spiritual and financial success, but we need the full cooperation and assistance of all our diocesan units and members. We will need volunteers for our hospitality and other committees as the convention draws near.

But our most immediate need is to obtain funding through the sale of ads for our convention souvenir booklet.

For past conventions we have secured ads from our diocesan parishes, as well as various parish organizations and businesses within our parishes. Ad rates are as follows:

Full page \$150; half page \$90;

1/3 page \$80; 1/4 page \$65 ;

1/8 page \$40; 3 line memorial \$20 ;

2 line sponsor \$15.

Best regards in the Holy Name of Jesus !!

Larry Lagarde, convention chairman

2021 NAHNS Convention Registration Form
Sponsored by the New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of
Holy Name Societies Convention dates:
Wednesday November 17 thru Sunday November 21, 2021

Lodging

Where	Omni Royal Orleans Hotel 621 St. Louis St. New Orleans, La. 70140 1-800-THE OMNI 1-504-529-5333
When	Wednesday night through Sunday noon
Cost	\$159.00 + tax - Petite Queen Room
	\$169.00 + tax - Deluxe Queen Room
	\$189.00 + tax - Premier King Room
	\$199.00 + tax - Premier Double/Double Room
Discounted Valet Parking \$35.00 + tax – per night	

Reservation

Deadline: October 18, 2021

www.omnihotels.com/hotels/new-orleans-royal-orleans

Call the hotel direct at:

1-800-THE OMNI

1-504-529-5333

FAX – 1-504-529-7037

Ask for the New Orleans Union of Holy Name Societies reservation rate

For more information contact: Convention Chairman, Larry Lagarde at 504-610-7742 or Email Larry at: llagarde@gmail.com

The Full Registration fee includes: Admission to All Convention Meetings & Workshops, All Convention Materials, Convention Bag & Amenities, Refreshments during Meetings, Evening meals on Friday & Saturday, Guided tour of The Cabildo (free to all members/guests) Transportation to and from Meeting sites & Hotel	Number	Cost Per Person	Total Cost
Registration Fee		\$250.00/ea.	
Registration Fee (if received after October 18, 2021)		\$300.00/ea.	
Non-registered attendee Dinner rates			
Thursday Lunch		\$20.00/ea.	
Friday Brunch		\$15.00/ea.	
Friday Dinner		\$55.00/ea.	
Saturday Banquet (Choice of Prime Rib or Shrimp Risotto)		\$75.00/ea.	
Amount of Check (Payable to NAHNS-AUHNS) Enclosed			

Name of Member: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____
 Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Phone No. (including area code) _____
 Archdiocese/Diocese: _____

Please include a check payable to: NOAUHNS
 (Mail to) P.O. Box 6644
 Metairie, La. 70096

Advertisers Souvenir Booklet
For the 51st Annual Convention of the National Association of the Holy Name Society
November 17 through November 21, 2021 in New Orleans, La.

Type	Approx. Size	With Photo	Without Photo
Full Page	8 ½ X 11	\$150.00	\$150.00
½ Page	8 ½ X 5 ½	\$90.00	\$90.00
1/3 Page	8 ½ X 3 2/3	\$80.00	\$80.00
¼ Page	8 ½ X 2 ¾	\$65.00	\$65.00
1/8 Page	4 ¼ X 2 ¾		\$40.00
Memoriam	3 lines		\$20.00
Sponsor	2 lines		\$15.00
Amount of Check enclosed			\$

Ad deadline: August 17,2021

**Make Checks Payable to:
NOAUHNS 2021 Convention**

**Return this form with payment to:
NOAUHNS AD BOOK
Anthony Smith
2029 Laurel Ave.
Terrytown, La. 70056
504-481-3407**

The following advertisement (camera-ready artwork, business card, letterhead, message, etc.) is to be printed in the 2021 National Holy Name Convention Booklet:

The following Memoriam expressions are available. Please circle your choice.

In loving memory of _____

In fond memory of _____

In memory of _____

Choose your own _____

Name of Advertiser: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone No. (including area code): _____

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

My parish is my home. I won't let one homily that I didn't like drive me away.

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A few weeks ago, I heard a homily that I didn't like. It started as a reflection on the natural law but eventually veered into an argument that Christians in our society are being persecuted and forced underground. Just days before this Mass, the United States witnessed the inauguration of its second Catholic president, sworn in by the Catholic chief justice, witnessed by the Catholic speaker of the House of Representatives and a cavalcade of Catholic artists and poets. Having lived through the summer of hate in Charlottesville in 2017, I think that it is Muslims, Jews and other religious minorities who are persecuted in this country, not Christians like me.

Five years ago, this homily would have sent me running for the hills, or at least to another parish. In fact, five years ago, a homily did send me running to another parish. It was on Jesus' conversation with the rich young man in Matthew 19, and the pastor decided it was important to preach that poor people can sin, too. The homily was followed by a fundraising appeal.

Five years ago, a homily did send me running to another parish. The pastor had decided it was important to preach that poor people can sin, too.

At that time, I had just defended my dissertation in theological ethics. I still felt the zeal of a newly minted theologian, exacting precision and consistency in discussions with everyone from my graduate students to my greengrocer to my mom. I am positive that this tendency was annoying to all those around me. Even so, I am convicted that Matthew 19 is an indictment of people of wealth and power, not of those who are poor.

Taking advice from Catholic friends, I decided to try another parish down the road. I didn't like that this new parish didn't have kneelers and that the walls of the sanctuary were plain white. But the pastor, deacons and parishioners were warm and welcoming. The preaching felt challenging but familiar. My family became regulars at the Saturday vigil Mass.

Then our pastor was abruptly moved to another parish. The unexpected change left me feeling unmoored in my faith, not sure how to relate to the parish in my grief for the loss.

Hearing the homilies from the perspective of an overwhelmed mother, I started to hear mercy and compassion where I once only heard mistakes.

One Sunday, I decided to attend Mass at the parish I had left. Not much had changed there in four years. But a lot had changed for me. While I used to critique homilies from the comfort of my pew, I now spent at least half the Mass chasing my toddler in the narthex. And hearing the homilies from the perspective of an overwhelmed mother, I started to hear mercy and compassion where I once only heard mistakes. By early 2020, my family had migrated back to our former parish with a renewed hope that, despite any disagreements with pastors or fellow parishioners, we belonged there.

Then came the pandemic. I attended Mass in mid-March and then not again until mid-August. So far, I am the only member of my household to return and only to sparsely populated weekday Masses. While I lament the absence of my



**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 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 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
Cancelled until further notice.**

**WE NEED ALL PARISHES THAT WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE RADIO
ROSARY BROADCAST TO CONTACT ANTHONY SMITH @
504-481-3407 OR ANTHONYS2029@GMAIL.COM TO DISCUSS
RESUMING THE RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST!**

**We currently do not have enough parishes participating in the live radio ro-
sary 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 an-
other parish please contact Anthony Smith at 504-481-3407
or our rosary chairman**



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
Luke Cuccia
Evelyn Cuccia
Kevin Cuccia
Anthony V. Cuccia
Joy Ledet
Jean Darnall
Richard Hoffman
Donald Mossy
Frank Connelly
Carroll Le Blanc

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

Kenner, La.

IN MEMORIUM

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CHARLES BALLARD
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HENRY RENZ, JR.
EDDIE ORTIZ
GEORGE "RED" BENEFIEL
MERLIN R. ROMIG
RICHARD J. ACHEE
LEO SANCHEZ**

**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
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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

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

In support of the Holy Name Society
Radio Rosary

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

BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI
PRAY FOR US!

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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)**

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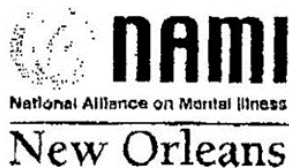
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Help Create a Better New Orleans!

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

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