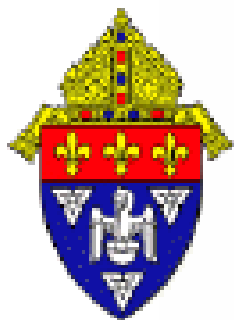


**ARCHDIOCESAN UNION  
HOLY NAME SOCIETIES  
P.O. BOX 6644  
METAIRIE, LA. 70096**

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September 12, 2025



## *THE VERCELLIAN*



### President's Report

I thank you all for your prayers as I recover from a bout with rhomboid arthritis and a few set backs this past year. Your prayers and phone calls are appreciated as I get stronger every week.

Once again we will not assemble to worship and celebrate National Holy Name Sunday, however, we have an opportunity to celebrate National Holy Name Sunday in our parishes that brings attention to our society and all that we do in an attempt to create an interest among parishioners that can lead to the recruitment of new members.

In order to do this we must first maximize members attendance at mass and if possible to serve at mass. The procession of members prior to the mass a great way to bring attention to our organization. We can take a few minutes after mass to talk to parishioners about the Holy Name Society inviting them to join us.

I encourage members to ask to pastor to mention that we are celebrating National Holy Name Sunday. His mere recognition of our celebration can help to generate interest in the Holy Name Society. However, we must be prepared to give a brief explanation of what the Holy Name Society does within the parish and what National Holy Name Sunday is.

The possibilities for celebration of National Holy Name Sunday within our parishes is only limited by the imagination and creativity of our member. I pray that each of us will take the opportunity to renew our commitment to the Holy Name Society and out values as we recite the Holy Name pledge on Sunday. Have a blessed and productive National Holy Name Sunday.

Lester Thomas  
President  
New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies

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# ROSARY DRIVE



## RADIO ROSARY 79th Anniversary

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

**Deadline: March 31, 2026**



“Dear children, my little children, my beloved ones; you are chosen because you have responded, you have put into practice my instructions and love God above all else. Therefore, little children, pray with all your heart that my words may be realized. Fast, sacrifice yourselves, love out of love for God Who created you, and be, little children, my extended hands to this world that has not come to know the God of love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



## *EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING*

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!

**Our next meeting is  
September 16, 2025 at 12:00 pm.  
at St. Clement of Rome  
4317 Richland Ave. Metairie, La.**

# 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](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**

**The new Scriptural Rosary Book order form (PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A PRICE INCREASE.)**

**Please take advantage of the many benefits of our website!**

**Please send in information on any activities taking place in your parish! This will make it possible to send it out to all of the other Holy Name Societies!**  
**Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407 or email me at [anthonys2029@gmail.com](mailto:anthonys2029@gmail.com)**

**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.**

## A Priest in Purgatory



"The Virgin Mary intercedes for Purgatory's souls,"

Last week I spoke about the fact that there are no "stuck souls," that is, there are no deceased souls who remain attached to this world and cannot pass on to the next life without help. The Church firmly teaches that upon death we are immediately subject to our own particular judgment and are con-signed to heaven, hell, or purgatory.

But there are souls in purgatory who, at times by God's providence, contact us needing our prayers. There are even cases of priests in purgatory asking for our prayers. The following is a case in point...

One of our exorcists shared with me the following experience:

I was an associate pastor. The pastor told me that, before I arrived, a parish in the diocese was experiencing a strange phenomenon. Every morning when the sacristan came to prepare for Mass, he found the altar set up for Mass with the candles burning. He asked if anyone had prepared the altar for Mass, and no one admitted to it. The parish priest denied it, and the sacristan was the only one with access to the Church in the morning, aside from the pastor. Eventually, the bishop was notified because it was happening daily without any possible explanation. It was discovered that the previous parish priest, who had died, had a stash of Mass intentions for the dead that were never celebrated. The bishop asked the priests in his diocese to celebrate Masses for the dead for (I think one month) all the missing Masses. Once the month had passed, the altar was found normal again.

I find this especially interesting since, some years ago, a priest-friend told me a similar story. Years ago, after a priest-pastor died, the new pastor said there were a number of unexplained, appar-ently preternatural, phenomena in the rectory. After some discernment and searching, they found a drawerful of unsaid Mass intentions. Again, the pastor said all the Mass intentions and the preternat-ural phenomenon ceased.

We all have a call to pray for deceased souls, especially passed loved ones. For example, Padre Pio said that the majority of souls that visited him during his life were souls in purgatory needing his intercession. This is a startling statement given the countless living people that made their way to San Giovanni Rotondo seeking the saint's intercession during his lifetime.

These experiences show the importance of our prayers for the dead, and offering Masses for them. I think we priests have a special ministry to pray for our deceased brother priests. Moreover, priests must diligently fulfill their duties including ensuring Mass intentions received are fulfilled.



## 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 or obituary page please email the information to:**

**anthonys2029@gmail.com**

**Ad renewals are now due. Please forward your check to P.O. Box 6644 Metairie, La. 70096**

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



**WVOG – 107.9 FM LIVE RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST**  
Due to reception issues on 600 AM please tune into 107.9 FM to listen to the live broadcast.

**The 2025 Radio Rosary schedule is posted on the HNS website and mailed to all parish representative.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The radio station informed us that going through the internet would give us a much clearer transmission.

**If you have any questions please call Anthony Smith at 504-481-3407.**



**N.O. Holy Name Society  
Archdiocesan Union**



**Dear Holy Name members**

On May 13, 1917 the Blessed Mother appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta at Fatima.

The Blessed Mother appeared to them a total of 6 times and on each occasion, she repeatedly told them to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world.

There is no greater time to honor the Blessed Mother's request than NOW due to the unrest in our world! The Holy Name Society of New Orleans in 1946, at the request of Archbishop Rummel, began the live broadcast of the Rosary to honor the request of our Blessed Mother at Fatima.

The Holy Name Society has successfully prayed and sponsored the live radio Rosary broadcast for 78 years, through the generous contributions of society members and various other contributors through our radio Rosary drive.

In each of the last five years our contributions have dropped to the point that this past year we didn't raise enough to cover the cost to WVOG to broadcast the Rosary.

We are asking all of our societies to speak to your Pastors and your members regarding the seriousness of this situation and to help us to increase our contributions and to promote the radio Rosary drive. Let's all join together to save the radio Rosary broadcast and the request of Our Lady of Fatima.

This is our mission! Let's not fail!

Lester Thomas  
Archdiocesan Holy Name Society President





## ***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  
Rudy Ledet  
Jerry Hymel  
Conchetta & Peter Selec  
Vincent Selec  
Gasper Selec  
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  
Msgr. Lawrence Earl Gauthreaux— Past Spiritual  
Director  
Luke Cuccia  
Evelyn Cuccia  
Kevin Cuccia  
Anthony V. Cuccia  
Joy Ledet  
Jean Darnall  
Earl Darnall  
Richard Hoffman  
Donald Mossy  
Frank Connelly  
Carroll Le Blanc  
Carol Le Blanc  
Joyce Kurtich  
John Calico  
Joseph Warr  
Rhodes Family  
DiFranco Family

Hope Vignes  
Lucille Zitzmann  
Lois Zitzmann  
Henry Dupaquier  
Roy Phelps, Sr.  
Clifton Meaux  
Joyce Gautreaux  
Tom Norton  
Bonnie Schlotterer  
William Mc Clain  
Jules Albert  
Feltus Sterling  
Amadee Garibaldi, Sr.  
Calvin Herbert, Sr.  
Gilmore Alexander, III  
Osborne Picou, Sr.  
Wayne M. Preyan, Sr.  
Ophelia Knox  
Harry LeBlanc  
Tom Norton  
Leroy Gautreaux  
Wayne Deck

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## Holy Name Society Parish Reports

St. Christopher— They had 8 members that attended their radio Rosary and 10 members that attended their monthly mass and meeting.

Christ the King— They had 13 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 10 members that attended their monthly mass and 15 that attended their monthly meeting.

St. Maria Goretti— They had 15 members that attended their radio Rosary and 22 members attended their monthly mass and meeting.

Blessed Sacrament— They had 5 members that attended the radio Rosary.

Most Holy Trinity— They had 8 members that attended their radio Rosary.

St. Matthew— They had 5 members attend their radio Rosary.

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

**Kenner, La.**

**IN MEMORIUM**

**MSGR. ROBERT GUSTE  
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. Philip G. Landry, Pastor

IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME AND  
IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY  
ALSO IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED  
MEMBERS

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for Us

**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  
Malcolm Ledet – Tres.  
Dianna Lehmann – 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.