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HOLY NAME SOCIETIES
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President's Letter

Our first executive board meeting of the Holy Name Society new year was held on April 21, 2026 at St. Clement of Rome, at which we discussed many of our goals for this year.

It was a very productive meeting that included many ideas on how we can accomplish the goals we discussed.

Among those goals is raising more funds to support the Radio Rosary. This past year our Rosary drive fell seriously short of meeting the amount we need to keep the Rosary on the radio.

Another goal is to have more Holy Name Society presidents, or a parish representative attend our executive board meetings. All presidents by your election as president of your society are members of our executive board and are always welcome and encouraged to join our meeting as are all Holy Name Society members.

I would appreciate it if you would consider helping us to accomplish these two goals and join us to discuss our other goals and contribute your ideas.

More participation by our membership is vital in helping us to move forward and grow our society.

Most importantly I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Mothers, Grandmothers, and Great Grandmothers a very Happy and blessed Mother's Day.

God bless you all
Anthony Smith
Archdiocesan President of the Holy Name Society

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ROSARY DRIVE



RADIO ROSARY 80th Anniversary

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

Your support is vital to our
Radio Rosary Drive success!!

Deadline: March 31, 2027



“Dear children, I am praying for you and encourage you to a new life, a life in joy and prayer. May the Holy Spirit fill you, little children, with joy so that you may be like a spring of pure and drinkable water; that you, little children, may be in God and with God missionaries of love and peace. Your life is short here on earth and that is why I am with you to lead you towards Heaven. 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
May 19, 2026 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

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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

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 anthony2029@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.

PARISH REPORTS

St. Christopher— They had 7 members that attended the convention and 10 members that prayed the radio Rosary.

Blessed Sacrament— They had 3 members that attended the convention and 2 members that prayed the radio Rosary.

Most Holy Trinity— They had 2 members that attended the convention and 8 members that prayed the radio Rosary.

St. Maria Goretti— They had 23 members that attended the convention.

Christ the King— They had 3 members that attended the convention and 14 members that Prayed the radio Rosary. They also have one new member.

St. Matthew— They had one member that attended the convention.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — They had 4 members that attended the convention.



**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 or obituary page please email the information to:

anthonys2029@gmail.com

If you have any questions regarding 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. It can also be live streamed at www.600wvog.com

The 2026 Radio Rosary schedule has been mailed to all parish representative and is available on our website.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you have any questions please call Anthony Smith at 504-481-3407.

No gift on earth is greater,
No treasure held above,
The joy that comes from knowing
a Mother's endless love,

Inspite of how it's tested,
It grows from year to year,
Providing strength and comfort...
It "gently" draws us near.
It warms and it protects us,
And guides us from afar,
Shedding light upon us,
Like a bright and shining star,

And when all things are measured,
Not one shall rise above,
Or be compared in value,
To a Mother's endless love!



5 Powerful Ways to Experience the Mass More Deeply

Here are five powerful ways to experience the Mass more deeply every time you go!

The Church has always sought to draw us into the depths of the mystery of the Eucharist. Yet we sometimes pay little attention to what truly takes place and allow ourselves to be distracted by external elements that are not essential.

To fully benefit from it, we must recover what Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa calls “Eucharistic wonder”—the ability to be amazed anew by the “enormity” (as Claudel describes it) of the Eucharist.

We do not go to Mass simply out of habit or because it is a repeated ritual. We go because there we encounter the living Christ—an invitation to pause and allow Him to transform our hearts.

Here are five powerful ways to experience the Mass more deeply every time you go:

1) Prepare before arriving.

Mass begins long before we enter the church. Taking a few minutes beforehand—in silence, with a brief prayer, or by reading the day’s readings—can open our hearts and prepare our souls. Arriving early helps us leave behind the noise of the world and remember Whom we are about to encounter.

2) Participate with our whole being.

It is not enough to be physically present. Let us sing, respond, listen attentively, and offer our intentions. Every gesture and every word carries profound meaning. When we participate actively, the Mass ceases to be something we merely “watch” and becomes something we truly live.

3) Listen to the Word as if it were meant for you.

Because it is. God speaks personally through the readings and the homily. A helpful question to ask is: What is the Lord saying to me today? Sometimes a single sentence can illuminate a situation in our lives. By listening attentively, we allow ourselves to be touched by the Word’s relevance here and now.

In the liturgy, Scripture takes on a deeper meaning than when read in other contexts. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose hearts were stirred as the Scriptures were explained, we too are prepared to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Word prepares us to receive Him in Holy Communion.

4) Offer our lives.

When the bread and wine are brought to the altar, let us also offer our joys, struggles, worries, and gratitude. Let us unite our lives to Christ’s sacrifice. Nothing we carry in our hearts is insignificant to God.

At the offertory and consecration, there are two “bodies” of Christ on the altar: His real Body (born of the Virgin Mary) and His mystical Body, the Church. There, we are inseparably united.

In the great “of the Head, the small “of the body, which is the Church, is hidden. Our offering, and that of

the Church, would be nothing without Christ’s; yet Christ’s offering is not complete without the participation of His Body. Each of us can ask: What do I offer when I unite myself to Jesus in the Mass?

5) Our whole life becomes a Eucharist.

The atheist philosopher Ludwig Feuerbach once said, “Man is what he eats.” Through the Eucharist, this becomes profoundly true for Christians. We do not assimilate Christ; rather, He assimilates us into His Body. The flesh of Christ becomes ours—and our humanity becomes His.

This reveals a powerful truth: nothing in our lives lies outside of Christ. In an entirely undeserved exchange, we give Him our weariness, pain, failures, joys, and sins—and in return, we receive nothing less than Himself. This is the “enormity” of the Eucharist. We are all united in Christ, and Christ lives in each of us. That is why we can truly call one another brothers and sisters. When we say “Amen” at Communion, we say “Amen” not only to the Body of Christ given for us, but also to His Body, the Church—all those around us.



**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 80 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!

Anthony Smith
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 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
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
Sidney "Sid" Chrestia

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**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.

ESTABLISED 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.