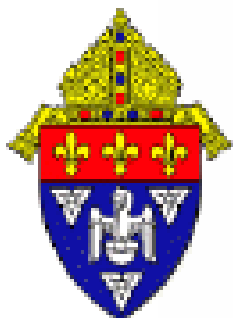


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# THE VERCELLIAN



## Worth Saving

Many of us can remember Hurricane Katrina and the devastating effect that it had on our area.

Prior to the hurricane the Archdiocese of New Orleans Union of Holy Name Societies was prospering with many churches in our society. The hurricane changed all that with families displaced and a major diaspora taking place.

A few member societies of the Holy Name Society ceased operation. Even our Radio Rosary program was affected by technical difficulty with the radio station. Since Katrina, we were all impacted by Covid 19 causing us to be a quarantined society. This further reduced our numbers. We are a resilient people, and as Catholics we must thank God for seeing us through those difficult times. With Advent, Christmas and the start of a new year, we are hopeful that 2024 will be better for all of us.

I ask you to join us in rebuilding the Holy Name Society in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. If you will, make a New Year's Resolution to join or re-join us and attend our State Convention on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Saint Marie Goretti's Catholic Church, from 7:45am till noon time. A complimentary full breakfast will be served after the 8:30 am Mass.

This will be an opportunity for you to meet all others in the Union of Holy Name Societies. The Holy Name Society was formed during the 1400's. It is a Spiritual Organization that respects the name of Jesus Christ Our Savior. We need new members to preserve the Holy Name Society and continue to set an example for all.

Vince Petreikis  
President  
Archdiocese of New Orleans Union of Holy Name Societies

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# ROSARY DRIVE



## RADIO ROSARY 77st Anniversary

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

**Deadline: March 31, 2024**



“Dear children! I am carrying my Son Jesus to you to fill your hearts with peace, because He is peace. Little children, seek Jesus in the silence of your heart that He be born anew. The world needs Jesus, therefore seek Him through prayer, because He gives Himself daily to each of you.”

Today Our Lady came solemnly dressed with little Jesus in her arms. Jesus extended His hand in a sign of blessing as Our Lady prayed over us in Aramaic.”



## *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  
January 16, 2024 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**

**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.**

## Pope: Diversity in the church must be embraced, not feared



January 2, 2024 By Justin McLellan Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Different ways of living out the Catholic faith, including different liturgical rites, should not be seen as threats to the unity of the Catholic Church but embraced as expressions of the body of Christ, Pope Francis said.

“You don’t have to be afraid of the diversity of charisms in the church,” the pope said in a video released Jan. 2, sharing his prayer intention for the month of January: “For the gift of diversity in the church.”

The title of Pope Francis’ January prayer intention, “For the gift of diversity in the Church,” is seen in a screengrab taken from a video message from the pope on the day of its release Jan. 2, 2024. (CNS screengrab/The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network)

“We are not all the same,” he said, and Catholics should “rejoice in living this diversity.”

Pope Francis recalled how in the first Christian communities, “diversity and unity were very present and in a tension that had to be resolved at a higher level.”

The pope also noted that “to move forward on the path of faith we also need ecumenical dialogue with brothers and sisters from other confessions and Christian communities.”

Dialogue, he said, is not “something that confuses or bothers, but a gift God gives to the Christian community so that it may grow as one body, the body of Christ.”

Pope Francis pointed to Eastern Catholic churches, who, he said, “have their own traditions (and) some characteristic liturgical rites but maintain the unity of the faith. They reinforce it, they do not divide it.”

The two-minute video shows several scenes from Eastern Catholic liturgical celebrations, such as using a spoon to distribute Communion and giving a blessing with large liturgical candlesticks.

Although they have their own liturgical and legal system, each Eastern church is considered fully equal in dignity to the Latin tradition within the Catholic Church.

The pope added that if the church lets itself be guided by the Holy Spirit, “richness, variety, diversity never provoke conflicts.”

The Holy Spirit, he said, “reminds us that before all we are children of God, all the same in the love of God and all different.”

Pope Francis ended the video asking people to pray to the Holy Spirit “so that it may help us recognize the gift of different charisms of Christian communities and to discover the wealth of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.”



**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**

**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 2024 Radio Rosary schedule has been mailed to all  
Parishes and it is posted on the HNS website.**

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

We need every parish that recites the live radio Rosary to email me at antho-  
nys2029@gmail.com or call me at the phone number below to let us know if your  
parish has access to the internet through wi-fi or a direct line and if anyone in your  
group as a hot spot on their phone. Please let us know asap.

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

There were no minutes available from the December meeting.



# parish reports

**Christ the King— They had 13 members that attended their radio Rosary recitation. They had 9 members that attended our Holy Name Sunday mass and 23 members attended our monthly meeting and Christmas Party.**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help— They had 5 members that attended their radio Rosary and 1 new member.**

**St. Matthew— They had 6 members that recited the radio Rosary.**

**Most Holy Trinity— They had 17 members that attended their monthly meeting. They have 1 new member and 17 attended their radio Rosary.**

**St. Maria Goretti— They had 10 members that recited the radio Rosary, 20 members attended their monthly meeting and 15 members participated in their Jericho walk.**

**St. Christopher— They had 8 members that recited the radio Rosary, 10 members that attended their monthly Meeting.**

**St. Clement— They had 8 members that recited their radio Rosary and attended their monthly meeting.**

# 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  
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

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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.

**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.