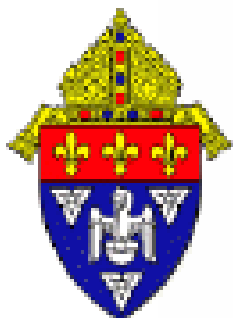


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# *THE VERCELLIAN*

## A Special time of Year

February brings with it Ground Hog Day, Saint Blaise’s Day, Super Bowl, Valentines Day and Presidents’ Day. This year Mardi Gras comes early on February 13th. And of course, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, February 14th. All these days bring about special involvement and feelings. This year Lent means more to me because of The Little Black Book, Six-minute meditations on the Passion According to Luke, I received at church. While thumbing through the book I learned of “Jesus the Homeless” statue. Police were called because someone was sleeping on a park bench. But they found not a man but a statue. The crucifixion wounds on the statue’s feet revealed his identity as Jesus. The sculpture was created by Timothy Schmalz, a Canadian Catholic. First rejected, now the statue can be seen in cities throughout the world. “St. Mother Teresa once said ‘I see Jesus in every human being... I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him.’” Lent is about prayer, fasting and acts of charity. Lent is a time for our spirits to soar and experience the grandeur of God. Have a meaningful Lent and pick up a copy of The Little Black Book.

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! May this time be a time of prayer. ”



## *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  
February 20, 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.**

## Did He Eat a Demon?



Some time ago, I cautioned people against "eating a demon." I recounted an incident in which I was having lunch with a very gifted person:

The person has the gift of seeing demons. The server placed the plates of food in front of us, but my companion did not start eating. It was a noticeably awkward moment. Finally, she looked up and said, "Aren't you going to bless the food?" By her demeanor, I knew something was up. I answered, "Is there something wrong with the food?" She nodded but said nothing. I guessed, "Aren't there demons on the food?" She said quietly, "Yes." I gave the typical blessing over a meal. She said the demons quickly left.\*

Very recently, a family went on a vacation to a South American country. Here is the mother's personal account, which she shared with me and I use with her permission:

As my family approached the diverse array of dishes in a buffet, I recalled Msgr Rossetti's counsel on blessing meals. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, I requested a pause for prayer before partaking in the meal. The family, except for my second oldest son, respectfully bowed their heads. This son, a 21-year old with a skeptical view towards prayer, dismissed the act. He said, "Mom you are taking things to the extreme!"

That night, my son who had scoffed at the notion of blessing meals, fell ill with a high fever and debilitating diarrhea. This only lasted a few hours. The next day his health was back to normal. My entire family, especially my son, were left with a newfound appreciation for the power of prayer and gratitude. After this, my son is praying before meals.

All of the family members ate the same food, but only the son became sick. Was the son just unlucky or did he eat a demon?

Blessing food is important.\*\* What we take into our bodies can have a profound effect physically, psychologically and even spiritually. Most important, as we bless our food, we give thanks to God. A heart full of gratitude to God is a heart firmly on the road to the Kingdom.

"Diary of An American Exorcist," Stephen J. Rossetti, Sophia Institute 2021, p. 51.

\*\*There are several forms of the blessing of meals in the Book of Blessings. The most common and popular, which anyone can pray, is:

Bless + us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Blessings, Catholic Book Pub., 1989, p. 456)



**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 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.

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



**Wishing all the wives and ladies of the Holy Name Society a blessed and Happy Valentines Day!**

**From the Holy Name Society Archdiocesan Union**



# parish reports

**Our meeting was canceled last month due to weather conditions.**

# 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.