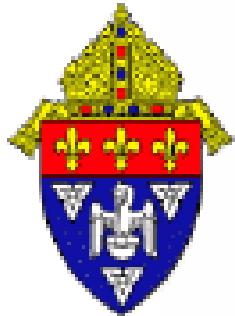
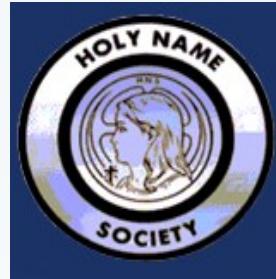


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President's Report

Happy New Year! As we begin this new year, it is incumbent on each of us, as members of the Holy Name Society, to remember that the church dedicates January to the Holy Name of Jesus. This month provides an excellent opportunity for us to individually and collectively re-dedicate ourselves to our purpose of promoting reverence and devotion to the sacred names of God and Jesus, obedience to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification of our members. It's also an excellent time to recruit new members through increased visibility of our society. We do this by simply reciting the Holy Name Pledge before mass, or with the Pastor's permission lead the congregation in reciting the Divine Praises before or after mass. Our visibility during this month is limited only by our imagination and creativity. This month-long devotion provides each of us an opportunity for spiritual growth. We can increase our prayer time by a few minutes praying the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus every day, spend 15 minutes reading and meditating on the day's Gospel or scriptures, pray a novena, or simply spend a few minutes every day in solitude allowing Jesus to speak to our hearts.

While this month provides opportunities for spiritual growth this year provides opportunities to serve the Holy Name Societies of the archdiocese. This is the year that we elect the President, 1st Vice president, and 2nd Vice president, at the Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies Convention. I ask each member to prayerfully consider service in one of the positions. This year's convention is on April 12th at S. Maria Goretti Catholic Church; more information will be provided in the coming weeks. I look forward to seeing you there.

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! Also today - when God permits me to carry to you in my arms little Jesus, the King of Peace, that He may fill you with the ardor of love and peace, so that every heart may be similar to His Heart in this time of grace - be resolute and courageous defenders of the love of your God, that in this time of grace He may give you His peace. 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
January 20, 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 Scriptual 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.

Catching Fire in 2026



[Pentecost with the BVM, photo by author; San Agostino, Lucca Italy; Oblates of the Holy Spirit]

A converted Satanist said she was given the task, before her conversion, of cursing everyone in a local Catholic Church. So she cast her spells and curses over the entire congregation. But she noticed something that surprised her. Her spells were effective over the "casual" Catholics, i.e., those who were rather lukewarm in their faith. But with fervent Catholics, they were completely ineffective. Satan had no power over them.

In an unpublished manuscript of a Catholic mystic, the mystic was "graced" by God with a vision of hell. One particularly surprising moment came when she saw a couple in hell whom she had known on earth who were weekly Church goers. She wasn't sure why they had ended up in hell, but obviously they were not truly followers of Jesus. Simply attending Church on Sunday was obviously not enough.

It is easy to become complacent or lukewarm in our faith. The complacent may stop going to Mass on holy days; they seldom go to confession; they may even skip Mass on Sunday when not convenient; they rarely pray privately. They engage in few, if any, devotions, holy hours, rosaries, or read spiritual books, or study the Bible. In short, they are doing little to develop a relationship with Jesus and to engage all the wonderful graces He offers through his holy church.

The lukewarm often start entertaining lax, and possibly heretical, ideas such as universalism (all people go to heaven) or denying the existence of purgatory, that is, recognizing their own sinfulness and the need for redemption by Jesus. They might think: "God will never send me to hell" or "I am a good person and don't need all that religion" or simply, "I don't have time." The words of the Book of Revelation apply: "Because you are lukewarm ... I will spit you out of my mouth ... Be earnest therefore and repent" (Rev 3:16,19).

Our exorcism ministry would not allow such "Christians" into an exorcism session. Their lukewarm faith would spiritually drag down the entire effort. Moreover, being in the presence of demons in an exorcism they might be in spiritual danger. They are not fully protected, as the converted Satanist discovered.

An exorcism typically demonstrates the need for a fervent, active faith. The Exorcist cannot cast out the demons when the afflicted person is not fully engaged in the Faith. We insist on regular Mass (if not daily); confession at least monthly; a daily regimen of deliverance prayers, the rosary, holy hours and more. Regular Bible study is important.

Most importantly: do we have a real thirst for Jesus and his Kingdom? The Bible tells us the first commandment is to "love" the Lord our God, and our neighbor. Do we truly love God if we pay little attention to Him?

We are beginning a new year. Let us all pray for the grace to "catch fire" for the faith. When I see this in people, it is exciting. Pray for this grace!

And start doing those things that will help you "catch fire." Read the Bible daily. Pray daily. Use the sacraments and sacramentals of the Church. Pray for the grace of a Spirit-filled faith. If you do these things, I guarantee you eventually WILL catch fire. Thus this year will be the best ever! And you might find that the gates of heaven will open to you.



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 an 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:

anthony2029@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 2026 Radio Rosary schedule has been 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 Selecி

Vincent Selecி

Gasper Selecி

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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Holy Name Society Parish Reports

St. Christopher— They had 12 members that attended their radio Rosary and 12 members that attended their monthly mass and meeting.

Christ the King— They had 14 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 10 members that attended their monthly mass and 25 members that attended their monthly meeting and Christmas party.

St. Maria Goretti— They had 25 members that attended their radio Rosary and 28 members attended their monthly mass and meeting.

Most Holy Trinity— They had 5 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 12 members that attended their monthly meeting.

**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. 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. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

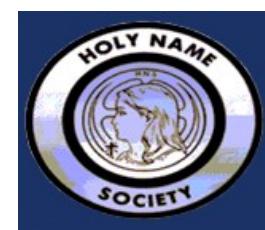
River Ridge, La.

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. 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.