

ST. BENEDICT HOLY NAME SOCIETY



SEPTEMBER 2015 Newsletter Calendar

Thursday, September 3rd

Radio Rosary
5:50pm

Monday, September 7th

LABOR DAY
*Have a Safe and
Fun Filled Day!*

Thursday, September 10th

Regular Meeting
7PM



**From Warner's
Desk**
Warner Daniel
President

Here is a summary of the results of our member survey

About one third of our members responded to the questionnaire. The responses were all favorable to the current way we operate. Many thanks to those who took the time to respond.

MEETINGS:

Everyone answered affirmatively to the present meeting arrangements. The questions related to improving attendance or attracting new members went unanswered. Several commented that the meetings were boring; we will try to address that with an occasional speaker or program.

If anyone has specific suggestions I would like to have them. As to attracting new members there were very few suggestions other than one on one contact and an appeal at all masses which we will do.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Everyone was in favor of social meetings and we are working on a covered dish dinner with the Altar Society membership and spouses in the near future. With regard to the location of our annual installation banquet and its cost most favored Young's. Three commented the meal was too expensive and I do not know what can be done about the cost. Young's

charged us \$45.00 per meal, the society supplemented the cost \$5.00, members paid \$40.00. We will inquire at other restaurants to see what is available. No one mentioned specific restaurants.

RADIO ROSARY:

Almost everyone favored continuing the rosary with a live broadcast as opposed to using the tape.

I attended the New Orleans area Holy Name Society meeting last month and everyone present expressed a problem with attendance.

*Blessed John of Vercelli,
Pray for Us!*



Padre's Piece
Fr. Charles Benoit,
O.S.B.

This September we have the distinct privilege of welcoming Pope Francis, the 265th successor to Saint Peter, to the shores of our country. Over a year ago the

Holy Father announced his intentions to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. In addition to attending portions of this meeting, he will address a joint session of Congress—the first pope ever to have such an invitation—as well as addressing the United Nations in New York.

Other moments of his trip will include his visits to the 911 Memorial and participation in an ecumenical prayer service, to a Catholic school, Catholic charities, and a prison. A highlight of his visit will be the canonization of Junipero Serra on September 23rd at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Serra is a patron for vocations to Church ministry in our country. May his canonization renew our efforts to pray for vocations:

O God, Who will not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Blessed (Saint) Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



August Meeting Highlights

St. Benedict Church
Holy Name Society
August 13, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by President Daniel at 7pm. Fr. Charles led the members present in the opening prayers and the Holy Name Pledge. President Daniel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Warner introduced an application for new member, Bob Stanley who was voted in by the members.

Warner asked if there were and any additions or changes to the minutes for May or June.. The minutes were adopted as written.

Treasurer John Karpa reported no income for July and \$123 in expenses. The expenses were for the pot luck dinner and grass cutting for the Sisters of Div Providence.

Old Business:

Fr. Charles in his Pastoral Council report announced that monies pledged for a new stove would not be needed. Two anonymous donors have covered the cost of the stove. He also stated that we will soon be re-keying all locks on the Church and hall. This is for security reasons since we do not who has keys,

Warner reported that there was 10 to 12 people at the Rosary this month. Good but could be better.

How to get new members was the next topic of discussion. Wayne Gremillion suggested three methods. One on one solicitation, hand out applications after all services and go to the Meetings of other organizations to seek new members. Warner suggested all members wear their HNS pins and/or shirts at all functions including Mass.

The bicycle dinner this year is on September 26th. The meal will be jambalaya. Mel and John K will provide some chicken and meat,

Warner reported good attendance at the AARP driving course. There were 34 people in attendance, Mel stated the course was enjoyable. Warner said most of the attendees were from St. Benedicts.

New Business:

The Corporate Communion is tentatively set for the fourth week in September. Please try to attend We are asking wives to sit with their husbands. We are also planning a presentation at each Mass with applications being given out to those exiting church.

Discussion as to the need for any new equipment for the fish fries. Mel said that something is needed to make the defrosting process easier and less sloppy. It was suggested a cement slab would help. Another suggestion was for a three compartment sink. Both are under consideration.

The next topic of discussion was a Day of Reflection. It could be held at the Abby and sponsored by the HNS Men's Club No consensus was reached.

Warner had a thank you note from Pat Mastio which he put on the table for all members to see if they so desired,

Adjourn and Closing Prayers

Richard T. moved for adjournment and was seconded by Vern. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM .Fr. Charles led the members in the closing prayers.

Upcoming Events

The next HNS Meeting - September 17, , 2015

**Blessed Be the Name of
Jesus, Now and Forever!**

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for our members and their loved ones and friends experiencing health problems:

(*) Those needing special prayers this month.

*Jan Nordman (Vern & Gloria's daughter), Gloria Nordman, Jerry Luke (Deacon Nelyvin and Joyce's son and Karen Tamporella, their granddaughter), Cortland Musgrave, Lynda & Jim Prattini, Marie Labat, *Celie Tanet, *Joyce and Deacon Nelyvin Luke, *Don Ducote, *Warren Brechtel's daughter, Mary, *Bob and Peggy O'Hara, *Arthur Delaune, *Christian & Trey Clark, grandsons of Lone Clark, *Ed & Sheryl Pussegur, *Tom Norton, *Abe Hebert and Gerald Boudoin. May God bless them and restore them to good health.

(If you know of any member or their families who are in need of our prayers, please call Dan Berlin at 892-4993.

Welcome Our Newest Member

We welcome our newest member, Bob Stanley. Bob and his wife Janice, live at 2000 Thomas Drive in Oak Alley subdivision in Covington where they have lived since May of this year. Bob is retired from Shell Oil and Janice is a retired registered nurse. We look forward meeting you both and working with you at all of our Holy Name activities.

**TALK TO YOUR
CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN
ABOUT RELIGIOUS
VOCATIONS**