

ST. BENEDICT HOLY NAME SOCIETY



MARCH 2017 Newsletter Calendar

Wednesday, March 1
Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 4
***Day of Reflection**

8:30am to 1pm

Theresian Spiritually Center

18080 St. Josep

h Way, Airport Road, Covington, LA

7:00pm

Tuesday, March 7

***Radio Rosary**

*This month at Abe & Alleen
Hebert's home.*

5:50pm

Thursday, March 9

Regular Meeting

7:00pm

Fridays of March 10th & 24th
and April 7th

***Lenten Fish Frys**

4 to 7pm

**See Warner's article below for details*

Teresian center on Airport Rd. This is a great way to spend a Saturday morning starting with registration at 8:30 with coffee and donuts. Our retreat master Fr Charles will get us underway at 9:00 sharp. There are opportunities for confession during the morning. The retreat will end after lunch. We have been promised a great lunch by Brian Bosarge. The cost is \$25.00; this is not a fund raiser we only hope to break even.

Our Rosary will be at Abe and Alleen Hebert residence in the Savannahs, 512 Piney Plains Lane, 276 4843. Please try to attend, we have a conflict with an activity at church is the reason for a change of venue. Plan to arrive at the usual time.

Lastly and importantly our first fish fry is March 10th, we will need lots of help to pull this off so please try to attend. Remember this is our major fund raiser and we all need to help make this a success.

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for Us!



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

As we begin the holy season of Lent, a time when we prepare for our celebration of Easter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it is important for all of us to remember the true purpose of these 40 days. So often we view Lent as a time for fish fries and crawfish boils, that we lose sight of the penitential aspect of Lent. Lent is really a time of voluntary self-denial to train our body and nourish our spirit that, in prayer, we may begin to truly see the unfathomable value and riches of giving ourselves entirely over to God. This is never to be something superficial or self-centered. As St. John Chrysostom wrote in the 4th Century, "No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." So let us always remember that Lent is about cultivating a love for Love. It is about, as our Savior showed us, commending our spirit unto God and dedicating our lives to others..

Blessed Be the Name of Jesus, Now and Forever!



February Meeting Highlights
Courtesy of Don Mastio, Secretary

St. Benedict Holy Name Society
February 9, 2017
Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by President Daniel at 7pm. Harry Leblanc led the members in the opening prayers. Mel Calderone led the Holy Name Pledge and Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were two new members to introduce. Jay Halter and Frank Caldwell (who could not be present) but both were approved for membership. Warner asked if there were any changes to last months minutes. There were none, so the minutes were adopted as written..

John Karpa reported \$1,005 income for the month of January and expenses of \$489.. The balance in the account was \$4,618 at the end of the month. .

Old Business:

Warner reminded everyone about the Day of Reflection scheduled for March 4th. All are invited to attend not just members. Push for attendance.

Food at next months meeting will be provided by Tom Norton.

Warner announced that Kathy Calderone was made an honorary member.

Workers are needed for the Fish Fry's on March 10, March 24 and April 4th. Please try to help.

There has been conflicts on Rosary nights. If you would like to have the Rosary at your home contact Warner.

New Business

Warner informed the members that the small shed would be removed and the material in the shed would be moved to the big shed. Mel and his son-in-law ran electricity to the shed and installed outlets and lights. Some of the material will be disposed of since it is no longer needed or used.

Warner asked the membership to approve paying Mary to help clean after the fish fries. All agreed to paying Mary \$35 for her assistance. Need to get the fish fry signs out and change the date.

There was much discussion on order preparation for take out meals as Jerry explained the problems that occurred last year.. The members agreed that the there would be a choice of the main course and between French fries or potato salad. The rest of the meal will be server as planned. No other changes

Fr. Charles thanked the members for the plant sent for his Grandmothers funeral.

Harry moved and Don seconded a motion to pay Mel for the supplies he purchased to provide electricity to the big barn. Motion carried.

Adjourn and Closing Prayer

Harry moved we adjoin. Richard seconded. Motion passed, Warner led the group in saying the closing prayers. Warner adjointed the meeting at 7:50pm

Upcoming Events

HNS Meeting - 3/09
Fish Frys 3/10, 3/24, 4/07
Day of Reflection 3/04
Easter Egg Hunt 4/09

Annual Dues Reminder

Annual dues of \$25.00 are now due for 2017. Please make your remittance payable to **St. Benedict Holy Name Society** and mail to *John Karpa, 80487 Lark Lane, Covington, LA 70435*

Remember in Your Prayers

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

Jan Nordman (Vern & Gloria's daughter), Gloria Nordman, Jerry Luke (Deacon Nelvin and Joyce's son) and Karen Tamporella, their granddaughter), Jim Prattini, Marie Labat, Joyce Luke, Don Ducote, Christian Clark and Trey Guepet grandchildren of lone Clark and her nephew, Austin Brotman, Tom and Sylvia Norton, Abe Hebert, Pam Mingo, Raymond Boudreaux, Tom Murphy, Faye Ponthieux.

May God bless them and restore them to good health.

From Warner's Desk Warner Daniel President



We have a lot going on in March starting with our Day of Reflection on Saturday the 4th at the