

ST. BENEDICT HOLY NAME SOCIETY



JULY 2017 Newsletter Calendar

Sunday, June 25

**Installation of
Officers
During 10:30am Mass**

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day



Thursday, July 6

**Luncheon
Young's Steak House
Madisonville, LA
11:30am**

Monday, July 10

**Radio Rosary
5:50pm**



**From Mel's Desk
Mel Calderone,
President**

Well, July starts a new fiscal year. The 2016/2017 fund raisers and events are over and I think it was the best year

we ever had. The members participation and cooperation was outstanding and I hope the coming year will be as good. I am looking forward to working with the members and our new vice president *Phil Rapp*. Phil is a little new to St Bens but has experience leading groups like ours and he is very active in the food ministry and ushers.

In the comings months, the Holy Name Society will be needed more than ever with the current construction project. We will be asked to help where we can to make the project go as smooth and as quick as possible. We will discuss this in detail in our upcoming meetings.

Remember to attend the July 6th luncheon at Young's Steak House come with us and "Pass a good time".

God Bless,
Mel

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for Us!



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

July 11th is the Solemnity of Saint Benedict, our Patron. (We will be observing this solemnity at all Masses the weekend of July 8/9.)

Saint Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome and early in life was drawn to the monastic life. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb.

He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains. Some monks chose him as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste, and so he set out to live his life according to the call of God. He then was able to realize his idea of gathering monks into one monastery to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, permanent worship in one house. His idea of a monastery was eventually realized in what has become one of the most famous monasteries in the world: Monte Cassino outside of Rome.

He wrote a *Rule*, which he said was for beginners, that gradually developed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor and living together in community under a common father (abbot). Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine hospitality and charity has always shown concern for others. It is this spiritual heritage that the monks of Saint Joseph Abbey have shared with those on the northshore, and specifically the people of St. Benedict Church.

As we honor this great saint this month, may he, our patron, lead us to become men of prayer, community, work, and hospitality.

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



June Meeting Highlights

**St. Benedict Holy Name Society
June 8, 2017**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel at 7pm. Deacon Nelvin Luke led the members in the opening prayers, Wayne led the Holy Name Pledge and Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no new members to introduce. Warner asked if there were any changes to last month's minutes. There were none so the minutes were adopted as written.

John Karpa reported income for the month of March and April for the Fish Fry \$14,581 and expenses of \$6,290 and a net profit of \$8,291. The Opening balance in the account \$3,455. The balance in the account is \$11,726 at the end of the month.

Old Business:

Warner announced the members nominated to lead the society for the next two years. For President - Mel Calderone, for VP -Phil Rapp, for Secretary - Don Mastio and for Treasurer - John Karpa. There were no additional nominations so those named were elected by majority vote.

The next topic for discussion was the organizations that the Society donates funds to. They are: Altar Society - \$1,000, Christmas Decorations - \$250, Appreciation Gifts - \$600, Donuts - \$800, Bereavement - 200, Religious Ed -\$1,050, Radio Rosary - \$600, Confirmation Retreat - \$400 and the purchase of a food warmer - \$1,500. Paul moved to accept the recommendation and Wayne seconded. Motion adopted.

Mel gave members a schedule of upcoming events for the Society. The list included the installation of Officers at the 10:30 Mass on June 25 and a dinner at Young's Steak House on July 6.

New Business

Workers are needed for the Confirmation Retreat on August 13 which will take place at St. John's in Folsom.

The Biker Race Meal is cancelled due to building construction.

Additional discussion involved the fish fry and whether to share with the KC's and getting the youth group to assist in the serving.

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

Adjourn and Closing Prayer

Nelvin moved we adjoin. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed, Fr. Charles led the group in saying the closing prayers. Warner adjointed the meeting at 7:55pm

Upcoming Events

Installation of Officers - June 25 @ 10:30 m Mass
Dinner @ Young's Steak House - July 6 @ 11:30am
HNS Meeting - July 13 @ 7pm

Remember in Your Prayers

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

Jan Nordman, Gloria Nordman & Vern Nordman-Caregiver, Jerry Luke, Deacon Nelvin Luke, Joyce Luke, Karen Tamporella (Family of Nelvin Luke), Jim Prattini, Marie Labat, Don Ducote, Christian & Trey Clark, grandsons of Ione Clark & her nephew, Austin Brotman, Ed & Sheryl Pussegur, Tom & Sylvia Norton, Abe Hebert, Pam Mingo, Deacon Danny Musso, Raymond Boudreaux and Faye Ponthieux & Ron Ponthieux - Caregiver.

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.