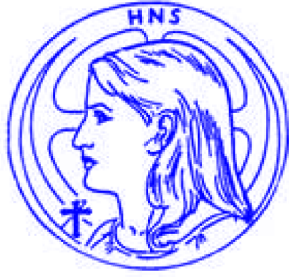


ST. BENEDICT HOLY NAME SOCIETY



FEBRUARY 2015 Newsletter Calendar

Wednesday, February 4

Radio Rosary
5:50pm

Thursday, February 12

Regular Meeting
7pm



From Don's Desk

Don Daigle

WOW! It's February already!

Hope everyone enjoyed the Super-bowl and don't let Deflate-Gate ruin it for you. The parades have already started and Mardi Gras is early this year so scramble for some doubloons, catch some beads, kiss a pretty girl and raise your glass in a toast to Rex. You know why! Ash Wednesday will be upon us. A time of penance and sacrifice. Ashes are placed on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality and sinfulness. The priest applies the ashes quotes something like what God once said to Adam after he had sinned: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19) or "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:14-20.)

The good news is that this prepares us to receive forgiveness through Christ. As part of the Lenten tradition we are asked to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays, thus the advent of the fish fry. Our fish fry dates are Feb 27, March 13 and 27th.

Remember the fish fries are our main source of funding for the Holy Name's continuing support of St. Benedict. Please make every effort to join us in making this another successful Lenten season. Preparations have already begun, the signs are being updated and an email has gone out to Lisa Johnson requesting help from the youth of the parish. John Karpa has already had the tickets printed and they are available in the Usher's room, We'll start selling the tickets as soon as Father Jonathan gives us the go ahead. As always, thanks for your help in advance.

Gooo... Seahawks!



Padre's Piece

Father Jonathan
DeFrango, OSB

**When we think of
February, we
often think of St.**

Valentine's Day and human love,

celebrated with card, candy, flowers, special gifts and special meals. In many ways February 14 is a secular celebration...but it also bears the name of a saint. It is both sacred and secular. And while we may do something special for our "Valentine," February is a good time to reflect on the sacredness of all human love. For indeed, Jesus tells us all human love is sacred when he proclaims: "God is love, and where ever love is, there is God." That is a truly an amazing statement, for in whatever God dwells, he makes holy. That is why all human love is to be respected as well as cherished. Yet, while all human love is sacred, not all human love is perfect. Sometimes the sacredness of human love can be hidden by the imperfections of human love. That is why forgiveness is essential to love. We must be ever ready to forgive the imperfections of our spouse, our children, our parents and all our fellow human beings no matter how they look, act, or think. Only when we add forgiveness to love will we ever be able to come close to Jesus' command: "love one another, as I have loved you".

BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI, PRAY FOR US!



January Meeting Highlights

Courtesy of Don Mastio, Secretary

St. Benedict Church
Holy Name Society
January 8, 2015
Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Daigle at 7pm. Don led the members present in the opening prayers, the Holy Name pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no new members present to introduce so Don asked if there were and any additions or changes to the minutes of November. Richard Thomas moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Richard Antolik seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer John Karpa reported an opening balance of \$5,394 for November in the checking account and \$3,252 in savings account. Income in November was \$2,275 from dinner ticket sales. expenditures for the month was \$1,736.. This was for the dinner supplies leaving a balance of \$5,933. Income in December was \$16 and expenditures was \$494. this was for the purchase of oil for the upcoming Fish Frys. December closed with a balance of \$5,454 in the checking account and \$3,254 in the savings account. Tom Murray moved to accept the report and John Goodwyne seconded the motion.. motion carried.

Old Business

There was no report from the Pastoral Committee since they did not meet in December.

Don reported that the Nativity Scene was taken down and stored in the shed for next Christmas. Gus was happy to report that we have a buyer for the barbeque pit. the selling price was \$750 and will be picked up this weekend. John Karpa will go with the purchaser to have the title changed. Many thanks to Gus and John. The purchase of a new fryer and food warmer

is on hold. John will purchase some time in the next month.

New Business:

Just a reminder to all members that dues are due. Richard a will be harassing everyone to collect the dues.

Fish Frys will be held on February 27, March 13, and March 27. Tickets will be \$8. Meals will be fish or shrimp or half and half, salad, Cole slaw or French fries, bread and dessert. John K will have the tickets printed. Don will pick up the signs and have the new date put there on..

Adjourn and Closing Prayers

Richard Thomas moved the meeting adjourn and seconded by Gus motion passed. meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm. Fr. Jonathan led the members in the closing prayers..

Upcoming events

The next HNS meeting - February 12, 2015

**Blessed Be The
Name of Jesus –
Now and
Forever!**

Annual Dues Reminder

Annual dues of \$25.00 are now due for 2015. 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:

(* Those needing special prayers this month.

*Jan Nordman (Vern & Gloria's daughter), Gloria Nordman, *Jerry Luke (Deacon Nelvin and Joyce's son and *Karen Tamporella, their granddaughter), *Cortland Musgrave, *Lynda & Jim Prattini, *Marie Labat, *Celtie Tanet, *Deacon Nelvin Luke, *Don Ducote, *Warren Brechtel and his daughter, Mary, Bob and Peggy O'Hara.* May God bless them and restore them to good health.

Please also pray for our deceased members:

Jay Lowe, Jack Flynn, E. J. Dodge, Charles Gremillion, George L. Briant, Bob Jenner, Bernard Tujaque, Fr. Marian Larmann, OSB, Claude Ford, George Delaune, Herb Leblanc, P. J. Drago, Irvin Gorgas, Richard Tusson, Gordon Bonnette, Grant Clark, George Cross, Mike Tusa, Johnny Braud and Frederick Fitzhenry. Remember too, our members' families who have suffered the loss of a loved one: Anne Cross, Alice Gauthier, Dorothy Hebert, John Logie, Robert Berlin, Quincy Beverly, Susan Weidman, Frances Spizale, Rachel Coleman, Roy E. Calderone, Stephen Catalanotto, Margaret H. Drago, Doris Johnson, Germaine Briant, Sylvia Drago, Mary Ann Mancuso, , Margaret Plauche', Mary Lou Karpa, Paul Tusson, Donald Bordelon, Scott Blankenship, Toni Calderone Crawford, Rado D. Beverly, Sylvia G. Keen, Marilyn Brechtel, Dirk Collignon, Gerard P. Eberts, Marilyn G. Ebert, Virgie Goodwyne, Beverly Berlin, Marilyn Gorgas, Brett Lowe, Sandra Burtchaell and Lynn Goodwyne.

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

