

ST. BENEDICT HOLY NAME SOCIETY



FEBRUARY 2016 Newsletter Calendar

Wednesday, February 3

Radio Rosary
5:50pm

Thursday, February 11

Regular Monthly Meeting
7:00pm

Fridays of, Feb. 19,
Mar. 4 and Mar. 18

Lenten Fish Frys
4 to 7:00pm

Saturday, March 5

Day of Reflection
8am to 1:00pm

Teresian Spirituality Center
18080 St. Joseph Way
Airport Road, Covington, LA

in this area. We have our first supply of shrimp and fish on hand already.

We need volunteers to help with ticket sales at each of the masses, so please do not be bashful.

We also need a lot of help cooking, serving and clean up after each fish fry. Please try to participate in every way you can.

I hope we are all straight on the monthly rosary dates, *Dan* sent the schedule to you earlier this month. The next rosary will be Mar 3, 2015 as the usual time; please try to attend. Participation is improving but we continue to need participants.

There is discussion of combining our installation with the Altar Society and moving the time from an evening event to a luncheon. The altar Society was well attended by their membership as well as ours. The food was good and less expensive than an evening banquet. Another advantage is the installation was during the day and some of your membership do not like driving down to *Young's* after dark. More on this in the future.

The corporate communion and breakfast was not as well attended as we hoped. *Mel* volunteered to cook for us and a good meal was enjoyed by all who attended. We will be taking a very hard look at corporate communions if the interest is no longer there we will simply drop them.

Our Day of Reflection, March 5, 2016 is barely a month away; lets make this a big success. Contact persons for this function in addition to *me* (985-789-4641) include *Mel Calderone* (985-892-8447) & *Wayne Gremillion* (985-705-4585). Remember this is open to all men of the parish as well as guests.

PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



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

When proclaiming this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote: *The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! (Misericordiae vultus #17)* Our Lord continually speaks to us through Sacred Scripture, yet how often do we fail to pick up the Bible during the week to actually allow Him to speak to us? May the upcoming holy season of Lent be a time for each of us to strengthen our communion with the Lord not only through prayer, fasting, and alms-giving, but also through our daily reading of the Word of God.

**Blessed John of Vercelli,
Pray for Us!**



January Meeting Highlights

**St. Benedict Church
Holy Name Society
January 14, 2016**

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 stated that he had no remarks but went on to say he felt 2015 was a good year and is looking forward to 2016 and then introduced two new

members, *Jerry Brantley* and *John Travers*. Both were accepted by member vote.

There were no changes to November minutes and were adopted as written.

Treasurer *John Karpa* reported a balance of \$5,559 in the checking account at the end of November. Additionally he reported a balance of \$4,823 at the end of December. There was a \$700 expense for shrimp purchased for the fish frys. The savings account has \$2,560

Old Business:

Fr. Charles had nothing to report from the Pastoral Council.

Warner reported that the Saturday work day went well and a lot was accomplished.

Mel stated there was no need for any new equipment needed for the fish frys. *Gus* and *Mel* are going to build a defrosting table to ease this process. The shrimp has been purchased. Help will be needed from 9am to closing on fish Fridays. Members were reminded to pick up their fish fry tickets. They are in the Ushers room. Please try to sell them before the fry days.

Please remember and try to attend the Corporate on January 24th with the Altar Society. Breakfast will be served after Mass.

New Business

Mel asked the members to consider buying new signs for the fish frys. They look like a feather stuck in the ground and cost \$150 each. He recommends purchasing two. *Don* moved and *Wayne* seconded and the motion passed.

John Karpa recommended that we close the savings account. It is very seldom used and earns little interest. *Vern* moved that we give \$1000 to the Altar Society and the balance to the building fund. *Gus* seconded the motion. Motion carried. *John* will do the necessary transactions.

Wayne reported a gain of 6 new members in 2015. He stressed the need to sell Fish Fry tickets.

Fr. Charles commented on how nice the Christmas décor looked in and outside the Church. *Wayne* moved that we give the Church \$500 to help pay for the new decorations. *Richard* seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn and Closing Prayers

Tom moved for adjournment and was seconded by *Mel*. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. *Fr. Charles* led the members in the closing prayers.

Upcoming Events

Corporate Communion - 1/24
Radio Rosary - 2/03
HNS Meeting - 2/18
Fish Frys - 2/19, 3/04, 3/18
Day of Reflection - 3/05
Easter Egg Hunt - 3/20

Annual Dues Reminder

Annual dues of \$25.00 are now due for 2016. 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: Remember too, our deceased members and members' families who have suffered the loss of a loved one..

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

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



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

One item all of your officers are proud of is the fact that we have begun to attract new members since our installation in May.

We have 9 new members to date who are: *Fr. Charles Benoit, Gerard Brantley, Raymond Bruillette, Paul Emry, Ronald Pontieux, Dr. William Preau, David Schexnayder, Bob Stanley and John Travers*

To our new guys, please accept our warmest welcome and we encourage you to take an active role in all our activities

Our fish fry plans were underway and I hope by now everyone has picked up his supply of tickets to sell. Advance sale tickets are a really big help to us in planning amounts to cook. Please do your part to assist