

**St. Benedict  
Holy Name Society**



**OCTOBER 2017  
Newsletter  
Calendar**

Friday, October 6  
**Radio Rosary**  
5:50pm

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Thursday, October 12  
**Regular Meeting**  
7pm

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



October is here. I know we are all looking forward to cooler weather. We have a lot of pending activities before the end of the year. We will be painting old portions of the catechetical hall, Our usual parish men's Wednesday work day activities, Replacing the church sign. Don't forget our gumbo fund raiser, which will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> after masses. We will need everyone's help.

I am asking all members and their families to pray for Madelyn Murray, the granddaughter of Tom and Earline Murray. *They explain that Madelyn suffers from a rare condition (XLH) that causes the body not to be able to store potassium and calcium which causes brittle bones. She needs to take medication to control this condition.*

*Recently they found another problem unrelated to XLH. The sutures on her head have closed early and she will need surgery on her head to correct the problem. The surgery has yet to be scheduled. Please keep her in your prayers.*

We all need to keep Deacon Mike Zaiontz and Eddie Puissegur in our prayers too. Word is that both are humbled by the parish's out pouring of love and concern.

God Bless  
Mel

**BLESSED BE THE  
NAME OF JESUS, NOW  
AND FOREVER!**



**Padre's Piece  
Father Charles Benoit, OSB**

In the book of Exodus, God says: *Remember the sabbath day—keep it holy. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God. You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your work animal, or the resident alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy (Exodus 20:8-11).*

The early Church established Sunday as our Sabbath, distinguishing themselves from other Jews by honoring the Lord on the first day of the week: the day of the Resurrection. When we think about it, six days a week we work under strain, beset with worries, enmeshed in anxieties, slaves to material things. But on Sunday we turn our attention to the things of the spirit. The Sabbath gives us a sacred place, a reserved space: for the worship of God, for family, for inwardness and reorientation, for experience of the spirit, for meaning and values to live by.

Here we are given time: to be thankful, to be joyful, to be free, to look where we are going in life, and, if need be, to correct our compass; time to be with one another and with the Lord. On this day Jesus broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. It provides us with a window into eternity. It is a place of refreshment, light, and peace, a halting place on the road that leads to the father's Kingdom. Thank you Lord, for the gift of the Sabbath! I hope you are enjoying this gift the way God intended.



**September Meeting Highlights**

**Holy Name Society  
September 14, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

The Meeting was called to order by President Calderone at 7pm. Paul Erny led the members in the opening prayers, (Fr. Charles was absent) Mel led the Holy Name Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mel had a thank you card from Lisa Johnsen that he passed around for all to see...There were no new members to introduce. Mel asked if there were changes to last month's minutes. There were none so Richard moved the minutes be adopted as written... Seconded by Phil. Motion adopted.

John Karpa reported no income for the month of August and expenses of \$417. (Expenses were for Confirmation Retreat) The Opening balance was \$7,474. The balance in the account is \$7,056 at the end of the month. Harry moved the finance report be adopted. Paul seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Confirmation Retreat went well. Over 100 meals were served.

Clint gave a report on Pontchartrain Vineyards and

dates they had open in October. No date was set for a gathering.

No decision on a new Church sign, it was suggested that the sign be placed at the intersection of Smith Rd. and Hwy. 1081. It was also suggested that we have two signs, one at the intersection and one where the present sign is located.

**New Business**

Mel Open the floors to the possibility of a name change from St. Benedict Holy Name Society to St. Benedict's Men's Club. There was much discussion with some for and some against the proposed change. It was suggested that the change be done for January 2018 if so agreed on by the members. No firm decision was made.

Mel announced that the Society will sell a boxed gumbo dinner November 4-5th to help raise funds for the sign replacement... They will be preparing 50 gallons of gumbo which will make 200 32oz containers. Price was discussed but not set.

The members were asked to come to the Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9am to help get things ready for Confirmation. The Archbishop will be in attendance and with the construction going on the Hall needs to be cleaned.

**Adjourn and Closing Prayer**

Harry moved we adjourn Paul seconded. Motion passed. Mel adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

**Upcoming Events**

- Hall clean up Sept. 22 @ 9am
- HNS Meeting - October 12th
- Gumbo Sale November 4-5th
- Parish Construction completion dinner ??????

*Courtesy of Don Mastio, Secretary*

**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 Lone Clark & her nephew, Austin Brotman, Ed Pussegur, Tom & Sylvia Norton, Abe Hebert, Pam Mingo, Deacon Danny Musso, Raymond Boudreaux, Fay Ponthieux & Ron Ponthieux - Caregiver, Francis Berlin, Dan's brother and Deacon Mike Zaiontz and his wife, Dale, and Madelyn Murray, granddaughter of Tom & Earline Murray..*

**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.



**Sheryl G. Puissegur**

We are saddened by the death of Sheryl G. Puissegur, who passed away on August 31<sup>st</sup> at the age of 73. She had been ill for sometime. She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Edwin J. Puissegur, Jr., her two children and four grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, September 9th at St. Benedict Catholic Church at 11:30am.