Holy Name Society

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BROOKLYN AND QUEENS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On November 5, 2011, Monsignor Romano was the main celebrant of our Annual Memorial Mass. During his homily, he told the story of a priest who ran the New York Marathon every year. Monsignor said to the priest "it must be really exciting to run every year to see all those people cheering you on." The priest responded, "no, actually it's quite lonely." One year, his mother passed away and the priest decided to run the race in her memory. The first mile nothing, didn't think of her at all, the same with the second etc.... until the last mile. When all of a sudden, he saw the family members of the runners greeting them as they crossed the finish line and placed a blanket over them. That's when he realized what a wonderful moment in the life of a runner.

As Monsignor said, we should think of our loved one's who have passed in that way. They ran a good race. The race is over and they're crossing the finish line into heaven. As they cross the line, all those who have gone before them are now there to greet them and welcome them home. November is the month we remember our departed friends and family. May they all rest in the peace of Christ.

WEB-SITE

Our web-site is doing great. It contains a wealth of information. We have photos from various events, meeting dates, Communion Breakfast and scholarship exam dates. In fact you can download the applications for both the high school and college exams from the site. Several members have paid their dues through the site. Please visit the web-site at bqholyname.org. Please don't hesitate to e-mail us with your comments.

MEMORIAL MASS

The Annual Memorial Mass and Luncheon for deceased members was held on Saturday, November 5, 2011. The two Holy Name Societies and the Anchor Club hosted the event. Our Chaplain, Monsignor Robert Romano, was the principal celebrant of the Mass. There were over 300 family members of deceased Police Officers in attendance. The mass was uplifting and the food delicious. We are able to host this event due to the success of our truckload of cheer raffle.

GOLF OUTING

The golf outing was held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Timber Point Country Club. This year due to scheduling conflicts and yes, the economy, we did not have a sell out three years in a row. However, we still had a great time. This event has become one of the premier outings of the year. We charge the least and have just about the best package that an outing can offer anywhere around the metropolitan area. This years outing will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2012. We already have people who have given us deposits. We do hope to sell out once again this year.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2012. Mass will be at 0900 hours with breakfast to follow. We are in the process of selecting our honorees. Remember, YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO GET THE EXCUSAL. More information will be mailed to the commands in February.

TRUCKLOAD OF CHEER

The winners of the truckload of cheer were picked at the May meeting. The first prize was $500 with an additional 6 prizes valued at $100 and $50. Tickets for the 2012 raffle will be mailed out in the spring. This is a major fund raiser. Our dues are only $10 for active and $5 for retired. Most other organizations are charging $20 for both active and retired. We make up for the loss of income with this raffle.

REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2010 - 2011

March 7th, 2012 – Irish Night at St. Francis Prep (Breakfast returns due tonight)
May 23rd, 2012 – American Night at St. Francis Prep (Truckload of Cheer drawing tonight
June 11th, 2012 – Cookout at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. (Meeting time is 1600 -
   in the event of rain, we will eat inside)

RETIREES

Thank you to our devoted retirees for their continued support of the Holy Name Society. They continue to donate over $1000 a year to our scholarship fund. In addition, so many of them attend our meetings and Communion Breakfast. As you know, many members are retiring. Please encourage them to maintain their membership in the Society. The following is a list of our current retired delegates. In addition, please keep us posted if you move. Send us an e-mail or a letter to the post office box. After 6 months the post office will not forward your mail.

A thru D   Bruce Petry, 84 Coolidge St., Malvern, NY 11565
E thru L   Paul Hargrove, 69 Vassar Street, Garden City, NY 11530
M thru P   Ralph Mazza, 350 W. Bay Drive, Long Beach, NY 11565
Q thru Z   Frank Ventrella, 5 Plymouth Road, Bayville, NY 11709

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Police Reserve will be holding its Annual College Scholarship Exam on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 6-9 p.m., at the Police Academy. Those wishing to apply, please contact the Police Reserve at 212-564-0010. The deadline to apply is February 22nd, 2012. The exam is open to active and retired uniform members of the department.
   We will be using the exam scores from the Police Reserve Exam for our college scholarship. In order to be eligible for our scholarship, you must take their exam. In reality, you are taking one exam for two scholarships. Mitch Levey will send us the scores of our members. You can sign up for the exam by going to their web site, which is NYCPRA@aol.com. You can also download their application from our web site at bqholyname.org and mail it to the Police Reserve Association. We will be using the same criteria (e.g. a high school senior, entering college in September 2012). If you are applying for our scholarship, mail us a letter stating so to our Post Office Box (see below).

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2012 membership drive has begun. To join, just mail the tear off on the bottom of the page and mail to NYPD Holy Name Society, Post Office Box 260304 Bellerose, NY 11426. You can also go to the website and follow the directions.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – ACTIVE DUES $10 – RETIRED $5 – BREAKFAST - $30

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