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9/11: 15 YEARS LATER FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF JESUS

As firefighters each of you in your commissioning proclaimed: "I offer my life to protect the life and property of the people of New York City". We always remember and never forget the sacrifice of our brothers especially the 343 that embraced the challenge of the World Trade Center fifteen years ago.

Jesus reminds us as firefighter members of the FDNY Holy Name Society that we are "his friends" and that "no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". Jesus made the supreme sacrifice for each of us as our friend. So on this 15th anniversary, let us come into the moment and come home to ourselves and embrace Jesus speaking directly to us (John 15: 9-16):

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing.

I call you friends,

Because I told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me,

But I chose you

And appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,

So whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you."

And as we are closer to preparing ourselves to pass from life, through death, to new life in the Risen Lord Jesus (John 14: 1-3):

"Do not let your heart be troubled.

Have faith in God, have faith in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places

Otherwise how could I have told you I am going to prepare a place for you.

I am going to prepare a place for you

And then I will come back to take you with me

So that where I am, you also may be".

As the younger generation/your grandchildren would remind us here: "You have been befriended....."

Our challenge as men of the Holy Name of Jesus: how might we yet "BE FRIEND"?

Christopher Keenan, OFM, FDNY Chaplain

The Truth Will Set You Free

What can we say about a culture that cannot tell the truth? We can say many in the West have abandoned their Judeo-Christian heritage and the Commandment "Not to Bear False Witness," as we are barraged by prevarications of all sorts. The media elitist are the worst offenders, twisting every story to promote their ideology, no matter how false, contrary to reality, and opposing of the natural order. Politicians, depending on liberal and conservative media outlets for support and cover, twist words and legislation to suit their needs and those of the persons and corporations who donate money to their campaign and PAC funds.

Delusion, deception, and dishonesty are not limited to elected officials, as some of the Supreme Court justices and lesser courts have lost any sense of justice, truth, and the law, preferring to overturn common sense legislation and upholding Executive orders contrary to the Constitution, while creating harmful judicial precedence from the bench. Over forty years ago, the majority jurists claimed a Constitutional right to abortion on demand because they were unable to determine scientifically when a human life began, thus giving us the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision. Since then there can be no doubt that life begins at conception, because Medical doctors routinely fertilize eggs outside the human body and insert that same embryo into a woman's womb and, low and behold, nine months later a baby is born. This truth is so basic that every high school biology student knows that clump of cells is a human being, yet SCOTUS has not overturned a so-called right based on a false presumption.

Only the legal killing of unborn babies makes me sadder than when prominent politicians fabricate their version of truth; like when one claims that New Yorkers wanted and approved of homosexual marriage, when she knows full well that the Governor, Senate, and Assembly were afraid to put it on a Referendum and let us vote on whether we agreed with such legislation - especially after California, likely the most liberal State in the nation, voted NO when they had the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights on the very same question. Had the referendum occurred and passed I would agree with her that through the democratic process New Yorkers decided that such a marriage was now acceptable and every citizen could marry whomever or how many they chose (the latter being ruled licit by a jurist, as long as they don't apply for more than one marriage license). I would hope there was a conscience clause so people were not forced to contradict their deeply held convictions, but I could easily accept that the people have spoken. The real truth is that the vote was bought and paid for, because the legislator who changed his vote at the 11th hour collected \$462,000 in campaign contributions right before and after the vote (not bad considering his campaign donations were only \$79,000 the year before, during an election year). It has gotten so bad that the 2016 Presidential election is often referred to as the choice between "the lesser of two evils."

Nowhere is the Truth abhorred more than in the circles of academia, where some research now consists of presenting the statistical manipulations of your predetermined outcome to support your ideological idiosyncrasy. They pre-

tend that no one can be offended for any reason, and that all view points are valid, yet they routinely discriminate against Christian students and professors. How does that enhance the multiculturalism they are so fond of promoting? Apparently academic freedom, inclusion, and diversity only apply to their thoughts and peculiarities not every ones. Unfortunately this is the case at Catholic institutions as well as secular universities.

Everyday there is another terrorist attack throughout the globe, yet few are willing to blame the culprit, radical militant Muslims, possibly interpreting the Quran incorrectly to fuel their hatred. Instead it is a Tunisian, Afghan, or Iranian. In one sense I can understand not wanting to blame the Islamic faith for these atrocities and subjecting innocent people to discrimination; but where are the moderate peaceful Muslims denouncing these senseless acts of violence, and thus protecting their religion from fanatics who have hijacked Islam? In the last 25 years I can only recall reading one article of prominent Muslims protesting against a fundamental reading of the Quran, and that was last spring after ISIS wreaked its havoc in Iraq, killing Christians, Yazidis, and Muslims who disagree with them. Don't educated Muslims understand that if they allow a false interpretation of their Scriptures to continue, the rest of the world has to believe they agree with these hate crimes? Ask any Christian from the Middle East (if you can find one alive), and they will affirm that men and older women are currently undergoing genocide, while the young Christian women and pre-pubescent girls are being raped and sold as sex slaves if they refuse to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ!

When a deranged man goes on a shooting rampage outside a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, the media has no problem calling him a Christian, even though there is no proof he ever attended a Christian service in his adult life and those closest to him state unequivocally that he was not a Christian. When a homosexual night club is attacked, radical homosexual activists blame the attack on Christianity, and especially the Catholic Church, because she upholds the Natural Law, ignoring completely the fact that the shooter was a practicing Muslim, who attended a Mosque three times a week. The only words for these accusations are lies and liars!

May God bless us all and give us the Peace Jesus promised faithful believers. The Holy Spirit is the giver of life, which means every living being is begotten by God, and we are therefore called to love them as children of God, whether we agree with them or not. However, what we don't need to do is lie for them, when they clearly contradict the Truth!

Tom Roche

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
Father Julian Deeken
Sunday November 13, 2016
 9:30 am at
St. Francis of Assisi Church
135 West 31st Street, Manhattan

15th Annual 9-11 Father Mychal F. Judge
Walk of Remembrance

Sunday September 4, 2016

Rosary to precede the Mass @ St. Francis of Assisi
 135 West 31st Street, NY, NY
9:00 am

For more information please call:
Steven McDonald (347) 386-9400
Bill Schillinger (917) 902-6689
John Bates (516) 238-0952

9th Annual Harvest Gala

At the
 Bishop Molloy Retreat House
 Joining Us
Fr. Paul Weirichs, Fr. Jim O'Shea, C.P.
 &
William Kuntz
Wednesday Oct. 12, 2016
@ 6:00 PM

Stand up for LIFE

"What Can One Person Do?"

Coming to Long Island this October ...

Pro-Lifers will have an opportunity to participate with family & friends, with people of all faiths, with people of all ages, in a huge public statement for life.

Sunday, October 2, 2016

2:00 PM—3:30PM

(rain or shine)

Along Route 25 & Route 110 (Huntington, LI)

&

LIE exit 70S & County Road 111 (Manorville, LI)

Signs will be provided at each site.

No Graphic Signs Permitted

Call Jack O'Brien (516) 724-6821 or Peter Bertran (631)289-2095

High School Scholarship Test

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Commencing 8:30 a.m.

All Hallows High School

111 East 164th Street

Bronx, NY 10452

(between Walton Ave. & Grand Concourse)

High School Scholarship applications will be available only after **September 30th** from our Scholarship Chairman, Bill Treanor (718-885-0648) or at 98 Bay Street, Bronx, NY 10464. Completed applications must be returned by **November 23, 2016**.

2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

L to R : HNS President Joe Bryant, Mattahew Zona, Conor Duggan, Daniel DeFranco, Mary Kate Meade, Matthew McNally, Scholarship Chairman Bill Treanor, 1st Deputy Commissioner Robert Turner



High School Scholarships Awards

Our High School Scholarship awards are three awards for four years to a catholic high school will be **\$1500.00 per year for four years**. The Fordham Prep award will stay the same. The **Vincent A. McCarthy Scholarship Award** for **\$2000.00** and the **Captain Larry Monachelli**

Award for \$1500.00 are one time cash awards. (You will **NOT** be required to attend a catholic high school, but you will be required to take the High School Scholarship Test.) Please visit our web site, go to scholarship and check the Requirements for our Scholarship program. This way there will be no surprises. If you have any questions, contact us from our web site link or an E-mail: fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net.

September 2016

There is a Gospel about a rich land owner who had an incredible harvest. He didn't have enough space to store this harvest. He came up with a solution that he thought was brilliant. He would tear down his barns and build even bigger ones that would hold all of the grain as well as his other goods. Once completed, he would have so many good things stored up and he would be set for many years. He could then concentrate on eating, drinking and being merry. Unfortunately, that night God was demanding his life and all these goods went to someone else.

What he had seems like something all of us would love to have, enough wealth not have to worry about money or bills. We work hard to try to attain this. In many families the spouse works to bring in extra money and sometimes there are second or third jobs. There are all kinds of ways that we invest money and hope to make a large return. We want to be set for many years and would love to concentrate on eating, drinking and being merry.

The rich land owner never got to enjoy his dream. He derived no pleasure in what he planned. The message here is that wealth is fleeting and even when it is lived out. It leaves so much to be desired. So many super rich people aren't happy with their wealth. They have to search for something more. Many times they try to attain power which also fails to satisfy their craving. There is one thing that can do this and that is to live out the Gospel values with faith, hope and love. These things fill us interiorly which results in happiness. The external things like money and power do not have that capability. Spirituality is the only path to true happiness.

To attain this happiness we need to develop and grow in our own spirituality. It involves getting closer to God and all his people. It will bring us joy that will last and continue into eternity.

There are many ways to develop spiritually. The Holy Name Society retreat is one option and is an excellent way to join with our fellow firefighters and explore the spirituality offered to us by the excellent staff at Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica. While there we also enjoy eating, drinking and being merry. Everyone who attends leaves with a heightened spiritual outlook. Everyone leaves happier than when they walked in the door. Join us October 18th. Think seriously about it if you have ever played with the thought before!

-Stephen Damato

Fall Schedule Meetings

(All MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM)

Tuesday October 4, 2016 : Burke's Restaurant

645 Bronx River Rd. off the Bronx River Parkway

(Please note this is a **TUESDAY** not a Monday)

**Monday November 7, 2016: Hillside Swim Club,
Staten Island**



Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat

at the
**Bishop Molloy
Retreat House**
from Supper on

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016
through breakfast on

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016

Call now and make your reservations:
Bishop Molloy Retreat House
718-739-1229

Jesus tells the bible story of when the fishermen's nets were cast into the sea and then retrieved with all types of fish in the nets. The good fish were saved and the not so good were tossed away. This story is the message of our lives. Many of the fish people catch are tossed away for they do not serve the people in any manner. Sharks and sea robins get thrown back. The fresh water fisherman love the trout but the carp are tossed away. Everyone knows the good from the bad. When the nets of life are pulled up are you the one that is saved or tossed away? The Captain Timothy Stackpole retreat is the place where all these questions can be answered and you can become the saved one. Make it a part of your life. Call the Bishop Molloy Retreat House (718) 739-1229. Take some time out to help your soul!

— Retired Battalion Chief Jim Scheppel

*** DUES ***

Reminder to Members
Please forward your \$10.00
dues to:

Active Member:

Joseph Bryant

4 Maple Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Retired Members:

Joe Kelly

12 Bass Street, Staten Island, NY 10314

WALT'S RETIREE COLUMN

All winter I kept looking at the calendar waiting for the warm weather, & what do you know half the summer is gone now!

Early this year FDNY military veterans were asked to fill out a form concerning our years in the military. Mine was 6 years U.S. Marines 1956-1962 and 19 years U.S. Coast Guard 1979-1997 both active and reserve duty's.

This year I received an invitation to attend a ceremony at the Fire Academy honoring veterans who served during the Vietnam Era dates 1953 through 1975. Congress had asked all organizations to honor veterans who served during this period.

I call myself an era vet not to be confused with the brave souls who were in harm's way in Vietnam.

On June.11,2016 the Fire Department held a wonderful event at the training center where many hundreds of our retired veterans showed up and each were honored with a hat, a lapel pin, letter of appreciation, and a thank you document.

I was so pleased to see so many of my brothers & friends several from my Firehouse Ladder 49 / Engine 68 and others from the Holy Name, Anchor Club, and Lower Hudson Valley members to name a few. The Chief of Department James E. Leonard, Fire commissioner Daniel A. Nigro, and Major General Peter Aylward along with many other ranking officers were there to personally congratulate the veterans.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who set up this special event. The food that was cooked and served by the Firefighters was wonderful. Overall, it was a great event.

God bless all our troops and brother firefighters who signed a blank check to the people of our city to give all they could to save life and property up to and including their lives on 9/11/01. 343 of those checks were cashed for the full amount.

If you have a message or a joke or want to contact an old friend call me at (914) 779-1826 or write Walt Whitmore 126 Windermere Drive Yonkers, NY 10710 or e-mail me at wpwhitmore126@gmail.com

—Walter Whitmore

Have you ever attended a "RETREAT"?

Maybe this would be a wonderful time for you to set aside some time to share it with your fellow firefighters both active and retired.

The Chinese have a saying which goes " May you live in changing times." These are indeed changing times & we as Catholics must in some instances adapt to these changes. Unfortunately, many times we have to go into more detail as to what these changes mean to each of us. Some look at it with fear, others with expectations, some with hope, & others with despair. "Where are we going? Is heard over & over with no answer.

One of the most useful ways of retaining one's stability, one's religious balance & sanity in a fast changing world, is that period of recollection, of thinking & praying that is traditionally called a RETREAT.

How often have all of us said "Thank goodness it's Friday" as you near the end of a hectic week? Yes, we all long for a chance to stop, relax, rest up & think. This is what a retreat offers each of us. This is what we can give ourselves at least once.

With retreat conferences, liturgy, & sacraments, prayer & reflection, you can be renewed in your religious life, which will definitely, better equip you to live in today's world.

You may surprise yourself & others with your calmness, cheerfulness, & strength as you go back to a demanding world of daily work, inside & outside of home, in the midst of change and Crisis. (Buffalonian Newsletter)

Congratulations Once Again to Our 2016 Men of the Year!

Picture from Left to Right: Pres. HNS Chief Joe Bryant (Retired), Lt James Hayhurst, (Retired), Lt. Pat Conncanon, (Retired), Chief Gene Kelty, 1st Deputy Commissioner Robert Turner



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Presidents Message

I would like to thank everyone who joined us for our Jubilee 2016, a great success thanks to you. The Mass was at 10:15 at St. Patrick's Cathedral & was celebrated by Msgr Ritchie the rector. Our honorees were BC Gene Kelty, Battalion 10, & Lt. James Hayhurst, ret Engine 259. The Father Mychal Judge Humanitarian Award was presented to The FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation. Accepting the award was Lt. Pat Connecan president & founder. Next year the Mass and Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017. (Mark Your Calendars).

With the summer almost over the pace starts to increase. The Father Mychal Judge Walk of Remembrance will be held on Sunday September 4th at St. Francis of Assisi Church across from Engine 1 & Ladder 24. At 9 am we will pray the rosary followed by Mass at 9:30 am. After Mass we will make our way down to the World Trade Center, stopping at various fire houses and police precincts along the way.

Our first meeting will be TUESDAY October 4th (This is a change) at Burke's Restaurant in Yonkers, 645 Bronx River Road just off the Bronx River Parkway. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 7th at the Hillside Swim Club on Staten Island. The 9th Annual Harvest Gala at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House will take place on Wednesday, October 12 at 6 pm at the Retreat House. Call the retreat house for tickets. The Gala will be followed by the Timothy Stackpole Retreat from supper on Tuesday, October 18th through breakfast on October 20th. It you cannot join us for the entire retreat come for a "24".

The Annual Father Julian Deekan Memorial Mass, remembering all our departed members will be held on Sunday, November 13th at the 0930 Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church on 31st Street followed by the Police and Fire Line of Duty Widows Luncheon that afternoon at the Pennsylvania Hotel on west 33rd Street. All members that have children eligible for our High School Scholarship Test mark down Saturday, December 3rd. The test is held at All Hallows High School in the Bronx. Members must be in good standing and have submitted an application to Bill Treanor, our scholarship chairman.

We are looking for Holy Name members that have enthusiasm and energy to help enrich our society by becoming a member of our board. The present board members have been serving for a good many years and they now need relief to keep the society moving into the future. No experience is necessary & on the job training and assistance will be provided by your present board members. Most of the work can be done in the fire house or at home. Remember to have fun and stay safe! – Joe Bryant

PAYROLL DUES DEDUCTION CHECK-OFF

The Holy Name Society, Manhattan, Bronx, & Staten Island is a tax exempt, catholic & fraternal organization which has served the FDNY for nearly 100 years, both uniform and civilian. We are starting to go green by providing **ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY** with a **PAYROLL DEDUCTION**. To enroll go to www.nyc.gov/ess, **CLICK:** Payroll & Compensations, **GO TO:** Deduction Information, **CLICK:** Inquiries, **FIND:** FDNY Fraternal Organizations, **CLICK ON:** Holy Name Society.

New Members or members who have moved, transferred, or retired please notify us at fdnyholynamesociety.com We need your help to keep our records up to date! Remember to include your Name, Address, Phone Number, Rank, & Assigned Unit!