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“Then God said: ‘Let us make (them) in our image, after our likeness’.” (Genesis: 1:26)

In the opening lines of the creation account in the Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis: 1:1-31), God proclaimed about each of us and “our home”, “Mother Earth”:

- + “God saw it was good...” (verse 3)
- + “God saw how good it was...” (verse 10)
- + “God saw how good it was...” (verse 12)
- + “God saw how good it was...” (verse 18)
- + “God saw how good it was...” (verse 21)
- + “God saw how good it was... (verse 25)... and so it happened”...
- + “GOD LOOKED AT **EVERYTHING** HE HAD MADE, and HE FOUND IT VERY **GOOD**.” (verse 31)
- + (This proclaims to us: God is all inclusive of what surrounds us and respects every one of us by name without exception!)

Then God said: “Let us make (them) in our image, after our likeness....God made him in his image, in the Divine Image he created him, MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.” (Genesis 1: 26-27).

This is why Pope Francis shouts out to us, especially as firefighters committed to living in the “Holy Name of Jesus,”:

- 1) Our life of faith is essentially not about doctrine & dogma....but a deeper relationship with the Trinity already within us in our Baptism. Pope Francis then pleads with us to enter into more fully the **indwelling of God that is already with us and within us**: “I baptize you in(to) the name of the Father, and in(to) the Son and in(to) the Holy Spirit” and then we were anointed in oil with the sign of the cross and sent in mission, “As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king...so I anoint you”;
- 2) And therefore, we are called to care for all of life created in God’s own “Image and Likeness”. In Pope Francis’ encyclical to the world on the care of creation (Laudato Si... We Praise you Lord), he pleads again for all of us to have a dialogue together about the care of our “common home”, our sister “Mother Earth”, who we are destroying.

Would not all of creation and our own life, household, country and world be more alive, if like Jesus, we could grow in being inclusive every time we met persons and the beauty of creation with the attitude: “Like our Creator, I see how good you are...I want you to know, through me, that your God sees you as VERY GOOD. As I am also good and created in God’s image, I receive the gift of you as the image of God in my life!”

Jimmy Hendrix, the great artist, musician and songwriter, wrote: “When the power of love, overcomes the love of power....the world will know peace!”

Let us make creative the tensions we have with others in our life on this planet. “Let us live in such a way that those who don’t know God, but who know you, will come to know God because they know you.” “And God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good” (Genesis 1:31).

Christopher Keenan, OFM
FDNY/HNS Chaplain

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The Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat, Sign up for the 2019 Retreat Now!!!!**



HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



The drawing for the higher education Scholarship will take place during the Annual Communion Breakfast. Members must be in good standing and be **PRESENT** at the breakfast to have their children eligible for the drawing. Applications will be available from our Scholarship Chairman Bill Meade 917-716-1074. Or write to Bill Meade, PO BOX 525, Maspeth, NY 11378. All applications must be returned to Bill by April 20th to be included in the drawing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please Support the Father Mychal Judge Scholarship Fund

The FDNY Holy Name Society is in dire need of your financial support. Recently, we have had to reduce the number of scholarships that we award yearly. In order to continue to support our educational scholarships we have chosen to hold a Raffle Ticket Drawing at our Annual Communion Mass & Breakfast held on April 28, 2019. The cost of the Raffle ticket is a \$100.00 donation. We will draw 3 tickets during the Communion Breakfast with the following awards: 1st Ticket \$5,000, 2nd Ticket \$3,000, & 3rd Ticket \$2,000. Winners need not be present at the Annual Communion Breakfast in order to win. All proceeds go directly to funding the Fr. Mychal Judge Scholarship fund. All Tickets must be returned to the FDNY Holy Name Society by April 15, 2019. Tickets will NOT BE available at the door.

Please detach the below ticket form and mail to the following address with your donation of \$100 : Harry McMaster, c/o FDNY Holy Name Society, PO Box 604633, Bay Terrace, NY 11360

If you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact: Harry McMaster, Phone (917) 714-2862 or email: mac8838@aol.com

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New York City Fire Department
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Jubilee 2019

95th

Communion Mass & Breakfast

In Memory of Our Fallen Firefighters

Sunday, April 28th, 2019

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Communion Mass: 10:15 a.m.

Breakfast immediately following at the

New York Hilton Hotel

Avenue of the Americas & 53rd Street

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Joseph Bryant

*Battalion Chief - Battalion 35, Retired
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Called to be Saints By: Stephen Damato

Whenever I think of the saints, I imagine people that have dedicated their whole life to God. They have done such great things & accomplished so much in their lives. Some saints such as St. Maria Goretti accomplished all this in such a short time. She was 12 years old when she was killed rather than be raped. Other saints such as St. Augustine took a very long time to find his faith.

Saints are men and women that lived holy lives in obedience to God's will & they became saints the moment they entered heaven. However, the Church does recognize those souls that the Church can confirm are in heaven as saints. After a person is accepted for consideration for sainthood, it must be determined that the person led a life of heroic virtue. This doesn't mean that the person was perfect or sinless, but they worked aggressively to improve their spirituality and never gave up trying to be better or grow in holiness. After one miracle is attributed to them they are called Blessed. After a second miracle is attributed to them, the Pope can initiate canonization.

All of us are called to be saints. We want to be saints so we will enter the kingdom of heaven. It may seem very distant, but our time is getting closer no matter how long we live. Any other option to becoming a saint is dreadful. To work toward that goal, we must work aggressively to improve our spirituality and never give up trying to be better or grow in holiness. If we are smart, we will often look at ourselves to see what we think, say, do, & believe. The teaching of Jesus is the yardstick we must use to determine our progress. It is not an easy task. We must spend time alone where we can properly reflect on our lives and look at the changes we need to make. It is hard because our lives are so busy & we just don't seem to get the time to do what is most important.

On October 22 to 24, 2019 the Fire Department Holy Name Society will have their annual retreat at Bishop Molloy Retreat House on Edgerton Blvd. in Jamaica. It is a perfect time to reflect on our progress toward sainthood. It involves prayerful time, great company (fellow firefighters), great leadership, excellent food, rest, and removal from the rat race of life. It will energize you and lift up your spirituality. We hope to see you there along with the 5 or so new men that joined us last year.

REMINDER FOR ALL HNS MEMBERS

If you move, transfer, get promoted, or retire, PLEASE contact us with your new information. This way we can keep our records updated! Also if any new members sign up for payroll deduction please also go to our website or e-mail us with your Name, Address, Phone #, Rank, & Unit. Thank you!

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Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat

at the
**Bishop Molloy
Retreat House
from Supper on
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019**

through breakfast on
Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019

Call now and make your reservations:
Bishop Molloy Retreat House
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Come for a "Day Tour" or maybe a "24" ?

Do not forget about the "24" hour format for the Retreat! It was introduced to help those members who have limited time available to make a full retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House. You may come for the day, come for a meal, or come for a conference. You decide!

\$15.00

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FDNY Holy Name Society
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Click on: **Holy Name Society.**

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Tom Martin

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*Retirees if you are paying your dues from your pension, please make sure you click on: **\$15.00 -Manhattan ♦Bronx ♦Staten Island** in order for it to be applied to your membership.*

WALT'S RETIREE CORNER

Time is just flying by! The Hudson Valley Firefighters held their annual Christmas party in Mahopac, I have said before, "join this great organization"! My nephew Christopher, was in attendance, he was appointed Oct.1990 assigned to E-68, first tour Christmas eve followed by New Years eve. Since he was not married he always worked for others who had young families. He spent all of his years in E-68 other then lengthily details in other company's He was an MPO. Chris's retirement came in Jan. Of 2008 following an accident. Chris had worked for many years in Sing Sing prison in the heating plant. Chris & his close friend John Garcia were in the roofing & siding business together. They always hired guys from the job. Chris said it gave him great pleasure to put money into the brother's pockets. That all started when he was a probie and was hired by a firefighter they sent him on a job, to carry bundles of roofing bundles up to the roof, the boss said we may be a little late, Chris arrived 8am they arrived 9:30 they were amazed he had 36 bundles up on the roof, Think about it 1 bundle every 3 minutes. Up & down a ladder. Chris commented regarding our job if he had to do it over he would not change a thing, he loved the comradery that still exist today. On a sad note, he remarked he regrets losing so many friends.

Larry Mack! Who was appointed May. 1979 to E-238, 10 years later across the floor to L-106 for 4 years Promoted to Lt. did 1 year as fire marshal. Then to E-50 & retired in 2015. Larry has a son Bryan whose 29 & is in Local 52. He is a stage handler. Larry's daughter Candice is 26 & is working on her master's degree in special education. Larry's brother is on the job & is a Chief. When we met Larry he was so happy that day he had received notice he was elected into the Jets Hall of Fame. Being a great fan, he originated the Jets cheer and received 2 box office tickets for that years back. The Jets recognized Larry as best fan on the Jets last home game It was announced on the field Larry Mack as best fan. Larry thanks' all the fans who voted for him. On the 10 anniversary of 9/11 E-50 L-19 started an annual bike ride to raise funds for Veterans from Iraq & Afghanistan. The first ride was Washington DC.

Chief Mike Obrien, another brother that showed up I had the pleasure of seeing that day. Mike was appointed Oct.4 1969 & assigned to L-56 in with E-42 after most of the war years (a couple of all hands a day) & 8 years transferred to L-46 along with Larry Whitmore & Captain Meadows. Mike Got promoted in 1982 & did 3 years in L-25 Manhattan 5th division, bounced a few in 1987 was promoted to captain assigned to E-44, for 4 years. In 1994 Mike was appointed a Chief. Retirement came on Oct. 20, 2005! Mike was married in 1969 to the love of his life Eileen, she is happy Mike is out of harm's way they have 2 children; son Michael was a bond trader & now works for a brewery. Daughter, Tara has 3 children & works in Trader Joe's in CT. & holds a special position. Mike related he loved the job & did very well. On 50th anniversary of L-56 Mike was overjoyed to meet so many friends from way back when. I failed to mention the years Mike spent volunteering at Calvary Hospital for the terminally ill cancer patients.

Another great Firefighter John Mark, on the job Dec. 1977 last group off that list. They say who comes last may be first another time. John was assigned to E-280 for 3 years then on to L-56 for 11 years. John was injured & Doctors said go to a slower house or retire. John went to L-52 in 1991 then on to work in the division in Aug 2001. John then got his first summer vacation He had always given up summer vacations so he could have time to plow snow in the winter. John retired in 2005. John married his beautiful wife Mary in 1972. Johns 43 year old son John is a Tattoo artist. John's daughter Erin is 33 & a social worker in Austin Texas. John & Mary wanted to have a lot of children, a baseball team, having only 2 they raised 7 foster children. John also worker with Larry Whitmore & Jimmy Roche. John loved the job. His message is "THE LAMB ALWAYS WINS."

Got a joke a story want to contact an old friend? Phone 1 914 779-1826 Write 126 Windermere Drive Yonkers NY 10710

Remembering the FDNY Holy Name Society

in your estate planning!

The HNS is known for its generosity to its churches & communities. Many individuals & Couples find planned giving to be an attractive way to leave a legacy because a planned gift is often much larger, when fully realized, than any gift they could make during their lifetime. Planned gifts thus offer the opportunity to make a signature statement about one's values & philanthropic desire to help others. The idea of establishing a bequest may seem daunting & a common misconception is that a bequest means one thing, a gift of a specific asset, as defined in a will, given for a group's general operations needs. In fact, there are many options available for establishing a bequest that give you the opportunity to provide for your family while also giving to an organization that is meaningful to you. A bequest can be designated! You can direct your gift to be restricted to a particular use within the HNS such as a scholarship fund. A residuary bequest gives the remainder of an estate to HNS after all other beneficiaries are addressed. A contingent bequest gives HNS a gift only in the event the will's primary beneficiary doesn't survive the donor. Finally, HNS may be named as a beneficiary of other assets such as a life insurance policy, IRA, or other retirement plans. Again you do not need to leave the entirety of such an asset but a percentage of the value to be given. Giving can often be facilitated by simple changing the beneficiary on a retirement plan or life insurance. Making a bequest can offer a means of preserving an individuals or family's current support of the Holy Name Society. Please contact Joe Bryant, Treasurer, FDNY HNS with questions regarding ways to give. Thank you.

Spring Schedule Meeting Dates

Tuesday, March 5th

Downey's Bar and Grill, 5790 Mosholu Ave., Bronx

7:30 PM

Monday, April 1st

Hillside Swim Club, 151 Signs Rd., Staten Island

8:00 PM

Monday, April 29th

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