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FRANCIS: A POPE OF FIRSTS CAPTIVATES CATHOLICS WORLDWIDE

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J. has become the first pope in 600 years to be elected in time to receive his predecessor Benedict XVI's blessing. But that is far from the only first that will be associated with the Argentine-born pontiff. The firsts begin with the name he selected: he is the first Francis in 266 papacies (no I required until there is a Francis II). Few Catholics and even fewer Jesuits, ever imagined there would be a Jesuit pope. As our chaplain Msgr. John Delendick humorously put it: "Isn't it fascinating that we our first Jesuit pope who is a closet Franciscan!"

Meeting the world media for the first time on March 16th, he explained his inspiration. Upon his election a fellow cardinal had congratulated him and said: "Don't forget the poor." He took the word of his friend to heart, he said, and chose to be called after St. Francis of Assisi, "the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation," the same created world "with which we don't have a good relationship."

He told more than 5,000 media representatives in his first press conference: "How I would like a church that is poor and that is for the poor." He has frequently and courageously spoken of the grave inequities afflicting the world and his thirst for justice for all people will be a strong characteristic of his papacy.

As archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he put aside the prerogatives of his position, Cardinal Bergoglio took the bus to work, cooked for himself and elected to live in a two room apartment instead of an episcopal palace that he sold.

His first gestures are impressing millions of Catholics--and others--around the world, suggesting a sense of humility and solidarity that could prove a theme of his papacy. Despite a reputation as an austere intellectual, Pope Francis showed a deft personal touch as a cardinal with the Argentine church's most vulnerable people, the poor and people suffering from AIDS. He has called for more pastoral care of divorced Catholics, and he memorably castigated Argentine priest's who refused baptism to the child of an unwed mother as "today's hypocrites."

As archbishop of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis led protests against abortion laws and same-sex marriage but reportedly was willing to accept civil unions as a compromise. He also protested against corruption—a touchy topic in Argentina.

His parents were Italian immigrants to Argentina. Born in Buenos Aires on December 17, 1936, Jorge Mario Bergoglio studied chemical engineering, but then chose the priesthood. In 1957 he survived a severe case of pneumonia, and his right lung was partially removed as a result of the illness. The next year he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus. He was ordained in 1969. He eventually served as superior of the Jesuits in Argentina in the 1970's during a trying and dangerous time, as a military junta waged the so-called Dirty War against perceived leftists. Thousands perished, including priests, seminarians and religious.

Hailing from the church's "growth regions" in the global south, Pope Francis can be expected to be attuned to the concerns of developing nations and problems of global inequity and human deprivation.

As brothers together in the FDNY Holy Name Society, let us carry our brother Francis, Bishop of Rome, in our hearts and prayer.

Your FDNY Chaplain,
Christopher Keenan, OFM

The Bible Teaches Us the Economy of Salvation

The Holy Bible is the story of God's unconditional loving relationship with all of humanity. In its entirety, Sacred Scripture explains God's gift of life and salvation for humankind. In the beginning we are told that God is the Creator of heaven and earth. All that exists, including human life, does so because God willed it and His Spirit, the giver of life, dwells within all living things according to their station. We learn about the fall of mankind from Grace, how after their disobedience Adam and Eve were required to venture forth into a frightening fallen world, and how the human race descended into sin and despair, eventually forgetting about God entirely, thus becoming completely lost without divine direction. Only Noah and his family remain as a remnant of faithfulness and obedience.

Genesis chapter 12 continues the economy of God's providence and revelation of Himself to humankind when He establishes a relationship and covenant with Abraham and thus the future nation of Israel, and through them, the whole human race. After freeing the Hebrews from slavery Moses is given the Law, which instructed the Israelite people so that they could live happily, healthfully and peacefully together in community. The Law also prescribed how Israel was to offer sacrifice to God as part of their thanksgiving for all that Yahweh had done for them. God, through Moses and Joshua, whom God had chosen to lead the Israelite people, establishes His faithful followers in the Promised Land, a fertile land flowing with milk and honey. This physical homeland prefigures our own spiritual destination.

The Historical Books of the Old Testament chronicles the Jewish people's worship of God, the establishment of the House of David, and all that occurred during their time in the Promised Land. The Old Testament continues with the Psalms and Books of Wisdom, which indicate the types of feast day liturgies and rituals they participated in. The Old Testament ends with the Prophetic Books proclaiming the effects of Israel's sins, the loss of the Promise Land, and the work of God in calling them to repentance and forgiving them, to reconcile the broken covenants established with Abraham and Moses. The physical realities experienced by the chosen people when they return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple fulfill a spiritual promise fully revealed in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the carpenter's son.

As foretold in the Old Testament, the coming of the Messiah, promised in the Prophetic Books, is fulfilled in the birth of God's own Son. Throughout the Old Testament we read about many figures whose stories foreshadowed Jesus Christ; such as Melchizedek, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, and Job, and read with amazement the writings of the Prophet Isaiah, who foretells in great detail the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Suffering Servant passages. While the Hebrew Scriptures contain much information about the history of a specific nation, the narratives also have an allegorical nature that infers much about how God deals with and cares for all people.

The second half of the Bible, the New Testament, relates how the revelation of God to the chosen people is now to be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. The four Gospels

announce the long awaited Messiah is fulfilled in Jesus, as the final Revelation of God to mankind. The Incarnation of Jesus means God has entered into His own Creation and into a new level of intimacy with His people. The whole of the human race are now the children of God! No longer does God speak to us through fellow humans inspired by the Holy Spirit, but now has made His Presence known to us by humbly assuming our human nature.

Jesus taught, healed and demonstrated God's power over nature. He explained the true reality of the promised life in covenant with God the Father; A life of love on earth and eternal bliss in heaven, in complete fulfillment of God's promise to King David, that his kingdom would last forever. The Bible is a story of the lost and found...once man was lost, but with the coming of Jesus into God's own Creation, mankind has found its way back to God the Father, through his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The blind can now see.

-Tom Roche and Bob Graustein

Father Mychal Judge Humanitarian Award

This award was established in recognition of the unheralded acts of humanity carried out by FDNY members and the extended FDNY family. The award is bestowed upon the group or individual(s) exemplifying both courage and compassion in extending care to others in their time of need.

The 2013 recipients, the officers and members of Battalion 18 companies, have a long history of extending themselves to the community beyond the scope of their duties. The selfless expression of the compassion and tireless spirit exhibited in the wake of Hurricane Sandy demonstrate the finest of FDNY lure, and exemplify what it is to walk in Father Mychal's Sandals.

SAVE THE DATE

JUBILEE 2014

90TH COMMUNION MASS & BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2014

PLEASE NOTE THE DATES HAVE CHANGED AND IT IS NOW

2 WEEKS BEFORE EASTER

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
Father Julian Deeken
Sunday November 10, 2013
 9:30 am at
St. Francis of Assisi Church
135 West 31st Street, Manhattan

8th Annual 9-11 Father Mychal F. Judge

Walk of Remembrance

Sunday September 8, 2013

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

UFOA Retiree's Meeting

The UFOA will be holding their 2nd Annual retiree's meeting/seminar on **Wednesday, September 4th, 2013** at Russo's on the Bay. If you have any questions or concerns about the benefits they will be discussed at this meeting. Please call the **UFOA today at (212) 293-9300**. The new venue sight has been chosen to ensure a smooth registration!

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 6, 2013

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 distributed at site and will read:

ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

LOVE THEM BOTH

Call Ann (631) 754-9141 or Peter (631)289-2095

High School Scholarship Test

Saturday, December 7, 2013

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 27, 2013**.

2013 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

L to R : Joe Bryant, Chief of Dept. Edward Kilduff, John Cashman, Hayden Gumb, Aidan O'Brien, Jack Dennehy, James Peterman, Scholarship Chairman Bill Treanor, and Commissioner Cassano



High School Scholarships
Awards Increased!

Our High School Scholarship awards have been increased! The four 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. We will **create the Vincent A. McCarthy Scholarship Award for \$2000.00 one time cash award each year**. (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.

John Denver wrote a song with the lyrics:

Some days are diamonds some days are stones.

There are “diamond” days where everything goes right. We feel good, act right, are treated well and nothing goes wrong to take away the joy we experience. Other people are kind to us and we feel we are really appreciated. We can do the things we want to do in an easy and enjoyable way. On these days we enjoy the company of people.

There are other days which are “stone”. Nothing seems to go right. These are the days we are angry or hurt. We are constantly being distracted from the things we need to do. Other people interfere and they can’t understand us. We can’t enjoy our day for we carry a heavy load. These are the days we want to be alone and can’t.

If we were to make a list of all the things that happen to us and all the interactions we have with other people on “diamond” days and “stone” days we would see that there might be a number of similar entries on each list. How is it possible for us to experience joy sometimes and anger other times when the same things happen to us?

Perhaps, it is not the things that happen or the interactions that we have with others that makes our day happy or sad. Things outside of us shouldn’t have the power to control our day. Having a good day or a bad day is really an inside job. Whether our day is joyful or unpleasant has everything to do with the attitude we have. A good attitude will yield a good day and a bad attitude will yield a bad day.

We are in charge of this. We have the power to determine how our day will go. Sometimes, we have to retreat to a place where we can do an attitude adjustment. We can ask ourselves, “what’s going on with me and how can I change my day?” It works in the short term.

A great place where we can look into ourselves and retreat is the days we can spend with the Holy Name Society. Not only can we look at ourselves, but we can renew our relationship with God. The Timothy Stackpole HNS Retreat is October 22nd to the 24th.

Try it. Join us and the change in your attitude towards yourself and your God might change your life.

-Stephen Damato

Fall Schedule Meetings


(All MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM)

Monday October 7, 2013 :The Riverdale Steakhouse

259 Street & Riverdale Ave. **REAR DOOR**

(Please note this is a new venue!)

Monday November 4, 2013: Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island



**Captain Timothy
Stackpole
Annual Retreat**

at the
**Bishop Molloy
Retreat House**

from **Supper on
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013**
through breakfast on
Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013

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

A man took a long walk each morning and for a change of scenery he walked by his church. There were cars in the parking area. Not as many as on Sunday, but the cars made him wonder what was going on. Yes, it was a daily mass. He entered the church to attend. The homily that morning was addressing the benefits derived from assistance at mass. It was said Holy Mass is the most powerful atonement for our sins and that the hour of death the masses you attended will be your greatest consolation and judgments. The power of Satan is diminished in your life, at the end you receive the priest blessing which is ratified by God in heaven. That morning the man was awakened in his religion. His physical life was important but he was neglecting his spiritual life. That morning the man was awakened by his religion. Faith is hard. Perhaps many can receive the same awakening at the Firefighters retreat and make God number one in their lives! All that is needed is your presence at the retreat. God will always help!

– Retired Battalion Chief Jim Scheppel

DUES

*Reminder to Members
Please forward your dues to:*

Joseph Bryant
4 Maple Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Retired Members:

Joe Kelly
12 Bass Street, Staten Island, NY 10314

WALT'S RETIREE CORNER

Hope you are all enjoying a great summer! The only problem is that it's going too fast. I just got off the phone with Jack Featherstone & his lovely wife, Belinda. Jack came on the job Nov. 7, 1977 & spent the first six years in 51 Truck with 38 Engine. Then onto Ladder 49 with Engine 68; first due at Yankee Stadium. It's hard to call him 'Jack' as we always referred to him as the 'feather'. He retired in 2000. Twenty-two great years building friendships & always had a joke for the brothers. Jack & Belinda have been married for 29 years. They tied the knot Sept. 7, 1984. Jack has two beautiful daughters, Nellie & Amy. Both of Jack's daughters are college graduates & making their parents very proud. Jack just got home after a serious operation & let's all pray for a speedy recovery. He promised me a good story when he's feeling better.

Another good friend, Tom LaMacchia, you guys know him as former Bronx Trustee for more than 11 years. That was a long time ago. The brothers in Engine 68 & Ladder 49 worked hard at that time to get him elected & it was well worth it. Tom did a great job as Bronx Trustee & was later elected as the U.F.A. Treasurer. Tom never forgot his friends in Ladder 49. Tom has always been well liked, he never fails to show up for events or to help someone else. I once had a serious problem in that I needed help for a friend. Tom worked very hard & came through to saved a good man's job. Tom came on the job Dec. 17, 1977. He worked in Ladder 49 from 1977 to 1985. In 1985 he was elected Bronx Trustee. Tom's promotions were from Ladder 49 to Bronx Trustee then elected U.F.A. Treasurer in 1996. Afterwards, he was assigned to Headquarters & chosen to share his knowledge to the 911 Committee. Tom worked in the 6th Division until he retired in November 2003. Tom married his lovely wife Terry in 1983 & had two boys, James 25 who attended SUNY Maritime College & earned a financial degree. James holds a Master's Degree. Peter who is 23 is also a graduate from SUNY Maritime College. Tom & Terry can certainly be proud of their sons!

This was an exceptionally great year for Tom. He was chosen 'Man of the Year' by the New York Fire Department's Holy Name Society; a well deserved honor for the hard work & dedication he has done for the brothers over his many years of service. He now enjoys playing golf though he says he is not good at it. He also enjoys skiing often with the brothers. I asked Tom for a story. He said, 'you tell it.' I asked what he meant. He said, 'you know'. The story: Well, we had a job, third floor apartment, couple of rooms were burning & a door was locked. I was the irons man & Tom and I had to force the door. I had the Halogen in the door & said, "Hit. Hit. Hit!" Then I put my hand on the end of the Halogen to reset it in the door jam. At this time, Tom gave one more hit & ... gave me the summer off.

A couple of remembrances that made me sad. The passing of my first Captain, Stan Kowalski. A real tough Captain in those days, 1965. We had no cover on the rigs, chauffeur or tiller. After every run we had to wipe down the rig if it rained. On one occasion we got back from a run at 3 a.m. in the pouring rain, and all the men started for the stairs [bunk room, second floor]. Half way up the stairs Captain Kowalski leaned over the banister rail & said, 'At least you could wipe off my seat.' The Captain always stood up when we returned in the rain or his pants would have gotten soaked.

Mike Manzi passed on July 18, 2013 & will be remembered by me for the 6th Division Canoe trips. He always did the cooking. I was never so glad to see his face after we foolishly canoeing 25 miles down the Delaware River. Remembrance of those trips go back to Tom Kilker Deputy Chief 6th Division but to us just 'Tom'. He was also my Coast Guard buddy.

Pray for our troops and our brother fighter fighters and for those who have no one to pray for them. If you have a joke, story or want to contact an old friend, give Walt Whitmore a call (914) 779-1826 or mail it to: 126 Windermere Drive, Yonkers, New York 10710 or email me at: wpwhitemore126@gmail.com.

Congratulations Once Again to Our 2013 Men of the Year!

Picture from Left to Right: Msgr Filacchione, Chief of Department Edward Kilduff, Firefighter Thomas LaMacchia (retired), Lieutenant Edward Boles, President Holy Name Society Chief Joe Bryant (Retired), Rev. Christopher Keenan, O.F.M.



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Presidents Message

I would like to thank everyone who were part of our 2013 Jubilee. Besides our honorees Tom LaMacchia and Ed Boles, our Scholarship Winners, our guest speaker Mike Byrne we also presented units and members of the 18th Battalion with our Father Mychal Judge Humanitarian Award. Battalion 18 units have a long history in reaching out to the community and persons in need. Next year the Communion Mass and Breakfast will be held on **March 30th**. This is **two week before Easter**. So please mark your calendars. The mass and breakfast is usually the week after Easter but because circumstances beyond our control the breakfast will be early.

We had a cool spring and a hot summer and hopefully we will have a mild fall, because this is the season that our pace starts to increase. On September 8th the Father Mychal Judge walk of remembrance will take place at St Francis of Assisi Church on west 31st Street, across from Engine 1 & Ladder 24. At 9:00 am we will say the rosary followed by mass at 9:30. 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 activities continue with our first fall meeting which will be held in the Bronx on October 7th followed by our Staten Island meeting on November 4th. The Bishop Molloy Retreat House Gala will be on October 16th followed by the Timothy Stackpole Retreat on October 22nd through October 24th. If you cannot stay for the entire program stop by for a "24".

The Annual Father Julian Deeken Memorial Mass, remembering all our departed members will be held on November 10th at the 9:30 am mass at St Francis of Assisi Church, on 31st Street followed by the Line of Duty Widows Luncheon that afternoon at the Pennsylvania Hotel on 33rd Street. All members that have children eligible for our High School Scholarship Test mark down Saturday, December 7th. 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 have payroll deduction for all our active members. We ask all new members, members who transfer, get promoted, or retire to send your name, address, telephone number, rank, company and email address to us. You can go to our web site to contact us or email us at fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net. This will allow us to keep you informed about the different events that are occurring or will be occurring.

WE NEED YOU. The present board members have been in office for quite some time and are looking for some relief. Most of the work that is done can be done from the fire house or your home. So please, give some thought to becoming a member of the board. Remember, 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**: Inquireies, **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!