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**CONSTITUTIONAL**

**VOTE NO !**

**CONVENTION**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

**EVERY VOTE COUNTS!** Election Day seems far off but it will be here before we know it. It is important that our members, their families & friends **turn out on Election Day & Vote NO for the Constitutional Convention**. If you will be out of town for election day or your children or grandchildren will be away at college or in the military make sure that everyone is **registered & obtains an absentee ballot**.

***Congratulations to our 2017 Father Mychal Judge Humanitarian Award Recipients : FDNY Counseling Service Unit***



## **Our Blessed Mother Mary Warns Us about Sins of the Flesh**

The Catholic Community is celebrating the centenary of the Apparition of our Blessed Mother at Fatima, Portugal. One hundred years ago the Virgin Mary (called Co-Redemptrix by the two greatest saints of the late 20th century, St. Pope John Paul II and St. Teresa of Kolkata) appeared to three peasant children shepherding their families flock. During the six consecutive months between May and October of 1917 Our Lady of Fatima, dressed in a white mantle with gold trim, instructed the faithful children to continue praying the Rosary daily, showed them a vision of Hell with the demons and reprobate souls suffering terrible agonies, and promised a supernatural sign to authenticate the apparitions.

This sign occurred on October 13, 1917, witnessed by over 70,000 people gathered in the outskirts of the remote agricultural village of Fatima, in a place known as the Cova de Iria. Most of those people travelled from all over Portugal and western Spain on a dark rainy day to the rural village of Fatima because the children had explained to the church and civil authorities that the Lady promised a visible sign of her authority and the veracity of her teaching. Every major newspaper in Europe and the New York Times reported on this supernatural phenomena of the Sun dancing across the horizon before turning toward the earth seemingly moving closer to the world's surface. While everyone's clothing was wet and the ground soaked before the Sign of the Sun, afterwards the ground and people were dry, with their skin reported as radiant and glowing.

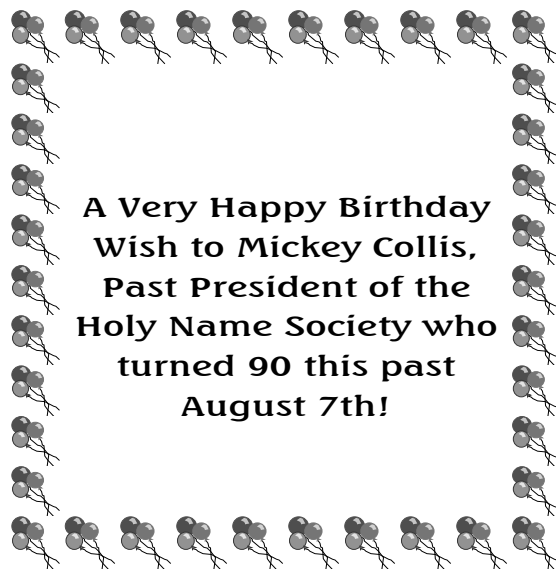
The supernatural vision of "Theotokos" was preceded the year earlier when an angel appeared to the three shepherd children telling them to pray daily and expect an even more important visitor the following year. In 1916, the future saints, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, encountered a heavenly messenger that prepared them for the visitation of the Blessed Mother. Later the children would refer to this vision as the Angel of Portugal. The three shepherd children saw and heard from the Blessed Mother on seven different occasions at Fatima in 1917. Lucy says that the Lady was "all dressed in white, more brilliant than the sun, radiating a light clearer and more intense than a crystal glass filled with clear water pierced by the most burning rays of the sun." While you consider the veracity of this report, remember that seventy thousand people witnessed the miracle at Cova de Iria as the Sun illuminated silver in the dark and rainy sky before Our Lady of Fatima appeared and spoke to the children giving them guidance and encouraging them with the three prophecies of Fatima, the third of which has been kept secret to this day, although some think the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II fulfilled the third prophecy, others believe it revealed the apostasy of the Church hierarchy to come sometime in the future.

Regardless, the warnings by the Angel and the Mother of God are eye opening in the fact that she unambiguously says more people go to hell for sins of the flesh

than any other sinful acts. What are the grave immoral activities that damn a soul to an eternity without God? Saint Paul explicitly lists the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21; "Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." Notice that murder, adultery, slander, and stealing are not present on Paul's list, this is not because these are not damnable offenses against God, rather most people are aware that those sins break the Law of Moses, whereas the multitude may not realize that their regular activities and attitudes may also prevent them from spending an eternity of bliss with our God. I know that during my lifetime I have fallen into more than one of these vices, and thank God for His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Because Marian apparitions, even those deemed genuine by Church authority, are private revelations, though they are supernatural appearances by the Blessed Virgin Mary, they are not part of the Deposit of Faith. God grants an apparition as a charismatic gift for a greater purpose of His than the benefit of the one receiving it. These apparitions cannot add anything new to the sum of the Faith, however, apparitions can serve to emphasize some aspect of the Christian message and reveal the continuing involvement of Our Lady in the Church for the benefit and salvation of the human race. Mary, the mother of all, who loves each of us as if we were her only child, will always want what is best for us. She never speaks anything but truth, so we are wise to heed her advice. Hail Mary!

-Tom Roche



**A Very Happy Birthday  
Wish to Mickey Collis,  
Past President of the  
Holy Name Society who  
turned 90 this past  
August 7th!**

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS**  
**Father Julian Deeken**  
**Sunday November 12, 2017**  
 9:30 am at  
**St. Francis of Assisi Church**  
**135 West 31st Street, Manhattan**

**16th Annual 9-11 Father Mychal F. Judge**  
**Walk of Remembrance**  
**Sunday September 10, 2017**

Rosary to precede the Mass @ St. Francis of Assisi  
 135 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NY, NY

**9:00 am**

For more information please call:

**Bill Schillinger (917) 902-6689**

**John Bates (516) 238—0952**

**10th Annual Harvest Gala**

At the  
 Bishop Molloy Retreat House

**Wednesday Oct. 18, 2017**

**@ 6:00 PM**

***For Information & Tickets Call:***

***718-739-1229***

**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 1, 2017**

**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 2, 2017**

**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 22, 2017.**

**2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!**

L to R : HNS President Joe Bryant, Collin Hunt, Fr. Chris Keenan OFM, Maeve Cashin, Sean Boyle, Christopher McGuire, Emma McCarthy, Scholarship Chairman Bill Treanor



**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.**

I have a friend who once stated that he doesn't have the depth of faith to fully believe in the Church. He said that he would like to, but it is as if he is missing that something that would enable him to do so. He is a loving and caring man who has helped so many people and always tries to do the right thing. His statement almost makes it seem that he is looking in from the outside and desiring to be inside. My perception of this is that it is not that he is missing that special something, but lacks a good definition of what the Church really is.

One definition of Church is that we are being built into a structure where the foundation is the apostles and Christ Jesus is the capstone. All of us, together, form an assembly of believers. Each one of us is a structural member of that edifice and has a specific job to perform. That job is individually determined by the charisms, gifts and abilities that each one of us received by the grace of our baptism. When all of the structural members are working together, we form the body of Christ. That is, although all of us are human, when we are united together in the Church, we enter into the divine. This is a mouthful to try to understand. We think of ourselves as Swiss cheese, all filled with holes. How can we enter into the divine? But yet, this is the miracle of what the Church is. When we use our God given gifts to the best of our abilities we are doing our part to enter the divine.

We all need each other and all of our lives are entwined. If some of the structural members of the Church are missing, the whole structure becomes weakened. If enough people do not enter into this Church structure everyone suffers.

My friend doesn't realize that by his actions and the way he lives his life he is already an active structural member of the Church. He only needs to understand this and work to remove some of the obstacles that prevent him from fully participating.

A good way to enter into the process of removing obstacles that prevent our more fully entering into the Church is to spend more time with God. A perfect way is to spend it with fellow firefighters at the Holy Name Society Retreat which is scheduled from October 24 – 26th. It is a time to focus on Church with other firefighters who also struggle with the same issue.

Save the date!

-Stephen Damato

### **Fall Schedule Meetings**

(All MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM)

**Monday October 2, 2017 : Burke's Restaurant**

645 Bronx River Rd. off the Bronx River Parkway

**Monday November 6, 2017: Hillside Swim Club,  
Staten Island**



**Captain Timothy  
Stackpole  
Annual Retreat**  
at the  
**Bishop Molloy  
Retreat House**  
from Supper on

**Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017**  
through breakfast on  
**Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017**

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

The parable story from many years ago is the same story that exists in today's lifestyle. Seeds were sown into the fields. Some fell among rocks & the birds quickly devoured them. Some fell in the soil full of weeds & the roots could not survive. Many fell on rich soil & sprang up so large that the birds made homes in their branches. Are we not seeds? The Pagan challenges to life, family, & patriotism are eroding the roots of many seeds. Money, pleasure, & power fly off with our religious beliefs, those beliefs are left behind consumed in today's lifestyles. Many have early roots but these beliefs disappear in the world that surrounds us. The deceiving world kills any chance for their growth. Why can't we be the ones that fall on rich soil? Can we receive the rich soil, water, & sun to bring about our growth? Yes, we can at the Bishop Molloy Retreat. The ultimate gardener will be there to help you. Call the Bishop Molloy Retreat House (718) 739-1229. Take some time out to help your soul! – Retired Battalion Chief Jim Schuppel, (who was called home this past April, Eternal Rest Grant onto him, O Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen)

### **\* 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

## **YOUR RESPONSE IS IMPERATIVE TO A CONTINUING CHALLENGE IN THE FDNY's "NEW NORMAL"**

After I wrote to you here six months ago, 25 more brothers and sisters have died from WTC related illnesses since January 17th.

So I come again to you sharing this difficult FDNY reality of suffering that invites your compassion, empathy and presence through your active response to our members sick with illnesses from 9/11.

As a member of the FDNY Holy Name Society, can you offer the gift of your time to help transport them and their families?

Today I had the gift of accompanying Marine 1 Firefighter/Engineer Robert Alexander until he let go and went into the arms of his God. Bob also entered today into the embrace of his FDNY birth father who died 8 months before him from 8 cancers he contracted from 9/11: Firefighter Raymond Alexander a 42 year veteran of the FDNY retired from our City Island firehouse.

Besides being the 160th one of us since 9/11, Bob Alexander is the 502nd FDNY member to have died "in" and "since" that day....and still counting!

As we approach our 16th anniversary on September 11th, how are each one of us still actively responding to the 502 families who have also made the supreme sacrifice...every day...since the death of their loved one?

In memory of the now 502 men and women who have died as of August 15th, let us concretely express that we will "always remember, never forget" by offering our time to transport the over 1,100 FDNY members diagnosed with various chronic and terminal illnesses.

The next step on our path forward continues to be: call to put your name on the Fire Family Transport email transportation listing. Chris Garcia Perrott (212-570-1693 Ext # 300) will include you on emails posting needs for a ride. If your schedule permits, you call her back to say you are available.  
~ Christopher Keenan, OFM FDNY Chaplain

**Correction:** In the January newsletter, I stated that more than 10,300 "of us" are certified for treatment of cancer after 9/11. I should have clarified that this is the total number of "all persons" with cancer/s from 9/11 and the recovery.

## **WALT'S RETIREE COLUMN**

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: wpwhitmore126@gmail.com

—Walter Whitmore

**Breaking News: 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund Extends Eligibility Deadline For WTC –Related Cancers, Respiratory, & Gastro Intestinal Illnesses** By Richard Alles, Deputy Chief ret.

The U.S. Department of Justice has made an extremely important change to the 9/11 Zadroga Victim Compensation Fund (VCF). Any active or retired FDNY first responder who was diagnosed with cancer, respiratory or a gastro-intestinal illness & missed prior deadlines to register may do so now. There is a presumption these cancers were caused by exposure to toxins at the WTC site. The date that a 9/11 related cancer or other illness is "certified" by the WTC Health Program starts the 2-year period to register a VCF claim. While the WTC Health Program has been reauthorized and funded until the year 2090, the VCF is due to expire at the end of 2020.

**FDNY retirees should continue to schedule an annual WTC Medical Monitoring exam: Health care for their 9/11 related illnesses is free Prescription coverage for medications for covered illnesses is free.**

FDNY WTC Medical Monitoring is available at five Metro NY FDNY WTC locations. Yearly visits provide the most benefit.

**Call: 718 -999-1858 to schedule an appointment.**

Due to a drastic increase in the number of FDNY members being diagnosed with skin cancer, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kerry Kelly urges all active and retired members to schedule a skin exam at least annually. Exposure to the 9/11 toxins are a primary cause of these skin cancers and they are covered by the WTC Health Program.

Finally, as an active or retired first responder, please make sure you protect your rights and utilize every aspect of the law for the benefit of both you and your family!

## **Congratulations Once Again to Our 2017 Men of the Year!**



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## Presidents Message

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Jubilee 2017 which was a great success with almost 1100 members, family, & friends attending. The Mass was at 10:15 am at St. Patrick's Cathedral & breakfast followed at the New York Hilton Hotel. Join us next year for Mass & Breakfast which will be held on Sunday, April, 29, 2018.

As the hot weather draws to an end our pace will start to increase. The Father Michael Judge Walk of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, September 10th at St. Francis of Assisi Church on 31st Street in Manhattan, across from Engine 1 & Ladder 24. At 9 am we will pray the rosary, followed at 9:30 am with Mass. After mass we will make our way down to the World Trade Center, stopping at various fire houses & police precincts along the way.

On Monday, October 2nd will be our first meeting of the fall season 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 6th at the Hillside Swim Club on Staten Island. The 10th Annual Harvest Gala at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House will take place on Wednesday October 18th at 6 PM at the Retreat House. Call the Retreat House for additional information and tickets (718-739-1229). The Gala will be followed by the Captain Timothy Stackpole Retreat from supper on Tuesday, October 24th through Breakfast on Thursday October 26th. If you cannot make the entire retreat come for a "24" on Wednesday the 25th.

The Annual Father Julian Deeken Memorial Mass, remembering all our departed members will be held on Sunday, November 12th at the 9:30 am mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church on 31st Street followed by the Police and Fire Line of Duty Widow's 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 2nd. The test will be held at All Hallows High School in the Bronx. Members must be in good standing & have submitted an application to Bill Treanor, our scholarship chairman.

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

**This upcoming year will be Joe Bryant's final year as President of the Holy Name Society (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).** Joe will be stepping aside & will take care of all the necessary financial duties. **The following areas will need our membership's help:** 1. Active dues chairperson 2. Retired dues chairperson 3. Memorial Mass chairperson 4. Duce a man sheet chairperson 5. Newsletter chairperson 6. Organization chairperson 7. Breakfast committee members 8. Meeting chairperson, 9. Journal chairperson 10. Sponsor chairperson. If you can help out, give me a call or drop me a note. Have fun and stay safe. Joe Bryant

**~~November 7th is Election Day – Vote No for the Constitutional Convention~~**

## **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](http://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](http://fdnyholynamesociety.com) We need your help to keep our records up to date! Remember to include your Name, Address, Phone Number, Rank, & Assigned Unit!