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HOMILY FOR HOLY THURSDAY BY POPE FRANCIS

(CHOSEN FOR FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO HONORING THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS)

This is moving. Jesus, washing the feet of his disciples. Peter didn't understand it at all, he refused. But Jesus explained it for him. Jesus --- God ---did this! He, himself, explains to his disciples: "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord---and indeed you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:12-15).

It is the Lord's example: he is the most important, and he washes feet, because with us, what is highest must be at the service of others. This is a symbol, it is a sign, right? Washing feet means: "I am at your service." And with us, too, don't we have to wash each other's feet day after day? But what does this mean? That all of us must help one another. Sometimes I am angry with someone or other...but...let it go, let it go, and if he or she asks you a favor, do it.

Help one another: this is what Jesus teaches us and this is what I am doing, and doing with all my heart, because it is my duty. As a priest and a bishop, I must be at your service. But it is a duty which comes from my heart: I love it. I love this and I love to do it because that is what the Lord has taught me to do. But you, too, help one another: help one another always. In this way, by helping one another, we will do some good.

Now, we will perform this ceremony of washing feet, and let us think, let each of us think: "Am I really willing, willing to serve, to help others?" Let us think about this. Just this. And let us think that this sign is a caress of Jesus, which Jesus gives, because this is the reason why Jesus came: to serve, to help us.

Selected by Christopher Keenan, OFM, Chaplain

Do You See Yourself In This Picture? If Not, Then YOU Missed A Good Time!

Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat, October, 2014



A New Year's Resolution to Live For

Pope Francis delivered a very interesting Christmas greeting to the Cardinals and Bishops of the Roman Curia, the governing body of the worldwide Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Rite Churches that have remained faithful to the Bishop of Rome as the Chair of Peter. The Pope's message included the normal holiday greetings and best wishes for the upcoming New Year, but Francis also included an admonition to reform the unchristian culture that permeates, and thus diminishes the holiness, of this important institution. Like much of what Pope Francis teaches, nothing new was said, he just repeated his message to the elevated clerics advising them to stop the gossiping, slander, backstabbing, and derision that is destroying the effectiveness of the Church Jesus Christ established to save the souls of a lost and sinful world. Almost two years ago, Pope Francis had already encouraged the ordained, religious, and lay Church employees to refrain from creating the 8th sacrament (the hoop jumping requirements instituted by diocesan and parish leaders intended to give themselves a sense of power) and the excessive gossiping by Church officials that borders on slander, which is only turning the lay populace off and driving them out of the Church in droves. Unfortunately, that earlier request for the Curia and other members of the universal Church to stop the unnecessary power struggles, complaining, and prevaricating went unheeded and now Pope Francis has repeated his desire that 2015 be a year of penance and conversion for faithful disciples of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Of course the Roman Curia is not the only organization that suffers from manmade division and derision. Think of our own families, communities, governments, and work places; and how many unnecessary verbal and physical altercations take place just because one person is envious of another, or because of a perceived offense, whether it was meant or not, and the most harmful of all, the unwillingness to forgive a fellow human being. None of us are exempt from these behaviors, as the psalmist laments twice, "there is no one that does good" (Pss 14:1 & 53:1); so we all have to look at our lives and commit ourselves to a more rigorous following of the Golden Rule and the other commandments given by Jesus to love our neighbor. I will probably never obey perfectly the commandments to love all creatures and to put God and His creation before my own self interests in this lifetime, but that does not mean I can stop trying to live the Christian ideal. Rather I must acknowledge my many failings and attempt to reform my lifestyle so that it is in accord with the

scriptural lessons and moral teachings that I hold so dear because I believe they are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. That is what the penitential season of Lent that we are observing right now is all about. We are on a journey to our Easter celebration, when we rejoice that Christ has won for us what we could never attain on our own. My hope and prayer for 2015 is that all religious leaders, Catholic and otherwise, take seriously their vocation to serve God Almighty in word and deed and to put the interest of the entire world, especially the salvation of souls, above their need for power, money, and accolades. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide the Catholic Church as she navigates the third millennium of her earthly pilgrimage. —Tom Roche

Prayer at the Beginning of a New Year

Heavenly Father, You assist all things, and You search for the best guide for human hearts. Make us responsive in this time of grief and disintegration. May this new year be for all of us a year of edification and sanctification, of interior life and reparation, a year of great return and of great pardon. May your grace enkindle in all people a love for the many unfortunate ones whom poverty and misery reduce to a condition of life that is unworthy of human beings. Arouse in the hearts of those who call you Father a hunger and thirst for social justice and for fraternal charity in deed and in truth. O Lord, grant peace in our days: peace to our souls, peace to our families, peace to our country, and peace among nations.

—Pope Pius XII (1876 - 1958)

Reminder: It is very important to keep your will updated to reflect any changes that occurred in your lives. Updating your will is just as important for our younger members as it is for our senior members. You want to make sure that your money, property, and children are left according to your wishes, NOT THE STATE MANDATE! When you are updating your will, remember the NYFD Holy Name Society Branch 141 to help us continue our scholarship programs and our many religious and charitable endeavors. Also in place of flowers during a funeral, make a donation to the Father Mychal Judge Scholarship Fund—in Lieu of Flowers.



New York City Fire Department
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JUBILEE 2015 91st

Communion Mass & Breakfast

In Memory of Our Fallen Firefighters

Sunday, April 26, 2015

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Communion Mass: 10:15 a.m.

Breakfast

immediately following at the

New York Hilton Hotel

Avenue of the America's & 53rd Street

∞ Honoring ∞

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Chris Ward via e-mail—cward23@optonline.net

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2015 New High School Scholarship

We would like to announce the addition of a new high school scholarship. **The Captain Larry Monacchelli Scholarship.** It is a one time CASH award consisting of \$1500.00. This award will be paid directly to the winner, (not to the school).

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 Treanor at (718) 885-0648. Or write to Bill Treanor, 98 Bay Street, Bronx, NY 10464. All applications must be returned to Bill by **April 17th** to be included in the drawing. Remember that the Higher Education Scholarship Award has been INCREASED!

December 2015

A man and a woman were on the road to Damascus. They were fleeing the city of Jerusalem filled with fear, despair and sadness. They had put all their hope in Jesus who had suffered the indignity of a horrible death on a cross. While they were walking a stranger began to walk with them. It was the risen Jesus, but they were unable to recognize him. They shared with him all that had happened. He began to explain all the scriptures to them as regards to the messiah. When they reached their destination, they were so enthralled with this stranger that they invited him to stay with them. While he was there and sharing a meal, he broke the bread and they suddenly recognized who he was. Jesus then disappeared from their view. They remarked how their hearts were burning in his presence. They were now filled with courage, hope and elation. They joyously returned to Jerusalem to tell the others.

What changed their state of mind was an encounter with Jesus. He radically changed their lives. Before this was able to happen, they had to take some type of action. The action they took was to invite the stranger into their home. Had they not taken this action, the stranger would have walked on. They would have never experienced the change of heart.

All of us are traveling on a road. Some of us are filled with fear, or despair, or sadness just like the travelers above. For us to overcome these feelings, we need an encounter with Jesus as well. It is not something that happens automatically. We have to take the action of inviting him into our lives. We might do this through prayer, an act of kindness or by putting ourselves in a place where this encounter might occur. We need time to separate ourselves for some alone time to find his presence in our lives. Often, we are hesitant to share these feelings with others, but we cannot deny them. If we experience this encounter, whether we tell others or not, it will change our lives. Those ill feelings will be changed into courage, hope and elation.


Our last Holy Name retreat was a perfect time to begin this encounter. Five or six new active members took the time to search for this meeting. They did it in the safest place; at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House with the company of about fifty other "firefighters". All of them enjoyed the time away and stated that they would return again next October for the next retreat.

For the timid, it is time to begin the mental process of planning to attend the next retreat. For those who know the feeling and desiring of an encounter, there is no better way. We might see you before, but it is our hope that we will see you then. Speak to someone who attended and let them tell you about their experience.

- Steven Dmato

Come for 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. What ever you decide you have time for!



Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat

at the
**Bishop Molloy
Retreat House**
from **Supper on
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015**
through breakfast on
Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015

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

Driving to the retreat house in Jamaica Estates, I very often get lost in my travels of the surrounding area. Then when I arrive at the retreat house I am found. Found as I walk the halls to the Chapel. Found as I sit and reflect in my private room. Found as I listen in the study hall for a presentation by a priest. Lost for a short time but very happy to be found. Many of our firefighters have left the scene yet their memories linger in the halls echo. Many past retreat visitors have changed their lives by their visits. You will find the people around you will give you strength, courage, and understanding. You will find God is the teacher of the World. Many students today think they have become the teachers and God has become the student. Here we learn He will always be our teacher forever and ever. Join us today. You will need no map. You will not get lost! Call (718)-739-1229 & make your Reservation. - Retired BC Jim Scheppel

\$10.00 Dues \$10.00

Reminder to members, Please forward your dues to :

Active Members

Joseph Bryant

4 Maple Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Retired Members

Joe Kelly

12 Bass Street, Staten Island, NY 10314

ONLINE DUES PAYMENTS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

To pay your dues online you need to **enroll in PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS: www.nyc.gov/ess**. Go to: **Payroll and Compensations**. Navigate to: **Deductions Information**. Go to: **Inquiries**. Go to: **FDNY Fraternal Organizations**. Click on: **Holy Name Society**

World War 2 Biography of DC Harry Campbell
(Honored by the Staten Island Retirees 10/15/14)

During World War II, I was a navigator on a B-17 flying bombing missions over Germany. I flew 30 missions. The 1st on October 19, 1944, & the last on March 30, 1945.

November 2, 1944: Our group just left the target area when we were attacked by German Fighters. In the ensuing battle of our 36 bombers, 9 were shot down. 90 friends lost!

December 24, 1944: our Target was Koblenz, Germany. On the bomb run, our plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The top turret gunner was hit in the legs and fell to the floor. I was closest to him and went to aid. I saw his pants were saturated. Knowing the bleeding had to be stopped, I started cutting his pants with my knife. He became very agitated & pointed to the side of the plane. His electrically heated flying suit was still plugged in and I was cutting through LIVE wires! At this time the pilot called me for a heading back to England. 2 gunners came from the rear to take care of the wounded man. He survived after a week in the hospital. Our hydraulic system was destroyed by anti aircraft fire so we had no brakes. I gave the pilot a heading to an emergency field. This landing strip was 1 mile wide and 3 miles long so we were able to coast to a safe landing without brakes.

March 30, 1945: we had become a lead crew and on the bomb run I would stand behind the bombardier & help him locate the target. I would not wear my flak jacket while doing this because it was very heavy. However, because this was my last mission, I decided to wear it. While on the bomb run, in my usual position, BAM! A terrific blow struck me in the chest knocking me on my back to the floor of the plane. The flak tore the fabric & bent the steel plates but did not penetrate them & I survived the blow & was not wounded. After my discharge, I joined the NYFD July 16, 1947.

WALT'S RETIREE CORNER

Hi! This past year has been a hard one for many of us. I lost 7 people who were very close to me, my sister-in-law Rosemary, John Morrissey from Lad. 49 & my daughter Robin. So this year I decided to go to the Capt. Timothy Stackpole Retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House. I was NOT disappointed! I met many old friends, all wonderful people like, Tom LaPolla, Joe Murphy, Ed McGlone, Peter Turner, & George Speth.

George Speth was appointed Jan. 4, 1964 & was assigned to Staten Island Fire Patrol. At that time Staten Island had a lot of brush fires. Believe me when the flames are 30 ft high that's a brush fire! George went on to work in Eng. 7, then detailed to the satellite unit of super pumper. Then at one point he went into the combo unit 172. His front piece on his helmet was black on the top & red on the bottom! Strange right? George retired on Sept.

26th 1989. George & his lovely wife Carole were married in 1959. They have 3 daughters, Nancy, who is an assistant principal, Christina who is a party planner, & Donna also a party planner. What a career George had driving the chief for Satellite Unit & combination Engine/Truck 176.

I also met Jim O'Donnel who arrived in Eng. 68 in 1974 after probationary school. In 1990 Jim was promoted & went to Ladder 116. Jim Retired from the FDNY in 2002. He went on to get his Masters Degree in Theology. Jim now teaches to a captive group at Sing Sing Prison. Captive not always captivated! Jim married his lovely wife Ann in 1972. Together they have 4 children. Their 3 daughters are all teachers & their son is a steam fitter. Jim was with John Morrissey when they helped deliver a baby & was also working with John at a fire where that child that John delivered had lost its life! It became a story in WNYF Heartbreak in High Bridge.

Let us all pray for our members who have past this last year, & for my daughter Robin Whitmore. Also I would ask for special prayers for a very close friend who would type my column & send it to the editor for me, Theres Natole. She would make sure all of my i's were dotted and t's were crossed.

May God look over our troops who go to war fighting for our country & our brothers who go to war everyday protecting the City from Fire and mayhem!

If you have a message, a joke or wish to contact an old friend, call me at (914) 779-1826 or write: Walter Whitmore, 126 Windermere Drive, Yonkers, New York 10710; or email me at wppwhitmore126@gmail.com.

Take care and God Bless, Walt

Spring Schedule Meeting Dates

Monday, March 2nd

Burk's Restaurant, 645 Bronx River
Road, Yonkers

8:00 PM

Monday, April 6th

Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island

8:00 PM

Monday, April 27th

Eleanor Rigby's, Mineola, LI

8:00 PM

ELECTIONS of Board MEMBERS

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Presidents Message

I would like to wish you & your loved ones a very happy, holy, & healthy New Year. Let us stop & thank the Lord for all the gifts that He has bestowed upon us & our families, & ask His help to use these gifts to reach out & help all those who are in need. Let us look back & remember our loved ones who have gone home to their eternal reward & pray for all of our sick & injured members. Especially those who are suffering from the effects of the World Trade Center.

As we enter into the Lenten Season it is time to prepare ourselves for the risen Christ. Each Day say a favorite prayer, read a few passages from the bible & yes go out of your way for a stranger. Maybe, call that family member or friend you have not heard from for a while.

The Annual Communion Mass & Breakfast will beheld on Sunday, April 26, 2015. YES this is THREE (3) weeks after Easter! Please mark your calendars NOW! Our Higher Education Scholarships will be drawn during the breakfast & members must be present at the breakfast & have submitted an application to our Scholarship Chairman to be eligible for the drawing. Our High School Scholarship test will be Saturday, December 5, 2015. All members must be in good standing for the last 10 years to be eligible for our Scholarships worth over \$30,000.00 each year.

I would like to thank all of our former scholarship winners & our members who contribute to our Father Mychal Judge Scholarship Fund & support our scholarships. You are allowing children of our members to attend a Catholic High School.

Our retired members dues letter went out this past December & our active members should receive their dues letters at the end of February. Your dues envelope will have the years 2012-2012-2014 but **NOT 2015**. This is because we are in the process of changing over our membership database. If you have any questions about your dues drop me a note, email, or go to our website. If you have some spare time, remember I can always use your help!

If you move, transfer, retire, or are a new member signing up for direct deposit, please go to our web site & click on contact us & give us your name, address, telephone #, Unit, rank, & any other information that has changed so that we may update our records.

We are still in need of new members for our Executive Boards! So please step up to the plate & take over one of our board positions to help keep the Holy Name Society viable. If you have any questions give me a shout. Have fun & stay safe, Joe

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION COMMITTEE 2013 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

It is that time of the year! College level research paper contest worth **\$5,000.00** and a High School Level research paper contest worth **\$2,500.00**. For applications and eligibility requirements go to the website:

www.NYC-St-Patrick-Day-Parade.org

All research papers have to be **returned** to the Parade Committee by **April 1, 2015**

WTC MEDICALS & PRESCRIPTIONS

Any FDNY retiree, Fire, and EMS, who participated for any amount of time, in the rescue & recovery efforts at the WTC, Land Fill, Morgue, etc., between 9/11/01-7/02 is eligible for free comprehensive medicals and free prescription drugs (NO COPAY). Drugs for respiratory problems, chronic sinus, gastro intestinal disorders, & mental health problems. Retirees can call 718-999-1858 for more information or to make an appointment. If it is over a year since your last medical, call today for a follow up medical now!

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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