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## **“PUT MERCY BEFORE JUDGEMENT”**

Pope Francis launched his yearlong push for a global Catholic Church of mercy and forgiveness on December 8th, 2015 starting the jubilee year focused on the subject by opening the holy door at St. Peter's Basilica and calling for a church that always puts mercy before judgement. “This Extraordinary Holy Year is itself a gift of grace. To enter the Holy Door means to rediscover the deepness of the mercy of the Father who welcomes all and goes out to meet everyone personally.”

“How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we affirm that sins are punished by his judgement before putting first that they are forgiven by his mercy. It is truly so. We have to put mercy before judgement, and in every case God's judgement will always be in light of his mercy. Let us abandon all fear and dread for these do not benefit men and women who are loved. Instead let us live the joy of encounter with the grace that transforms all.” Francis was speaking in the Mass opening the jubilee Year of Mercy which will continue through November, 20 2016, the day celebrated this year as the Feast of Christ the King.

The jubilee year is a special year called by the Catholic church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. While most jubilees have been focused on calling pilgrims to Rome to receive such pardon, Francis has widely expanded his jubilee, asking that dioceses throughout the world open their own Holy Door at a cathedral or other church to expand the practice globally. Standing in front of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, Francis asked God to grant “a year of grace, a favorable time to love you and our brothers and sisters in the joy of the Gospel.” Calling Jesus “the shining face of your infinite mercy and refuge for us sinners, needing of forgiveness and peace” and saying Christ is the door through which we come to God, the Pope pushed the door open slowly with both hands while walking through with Pope Benedict VIII.

The closing of the Mass December 8th emphasized that while the jubilee year is oriented toward evincing God's immeasurable mercy toward us, it is also meant as a forceful push for Catholics around the world to be merciful to one another --- and to everyone else. At the final blessing Francis spoke the Lord's call to us as firefighters committed to the Holy Name of Jesus: “Be merciful as your Father is merciful”.

### **THE WORKS OF MERCY**

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy include:**

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Convert the sinner
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Forgive offenses willingly
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living & the dead

**The Corporal Works of Mercy include:**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Visit the imprisoned
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

-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, 2015**



## A Jubilee Year of Mercy to Obtain the Mercy of God

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. Five days later on Sunday, December 13, 2015, he opened the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome, the Basilica of St. John Lateran. That same day, or in the following weeks, the Ordinaries of the world opened their Cathedrals' Doors of Mercy. The faithful who pass through those doors will gain an indulgence, as described in Section 22 of Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, paraphrased below.

A Jubilee entails the granting of *indulgences*, for God's forgiveness knows no bounds. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God makes evident His love and power to destroy human sin. Reconciliation with God is possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. God is ready to forgive. Called to perfection, we feel the burden of sin. Though we feel the power of grace, we also feel the effects of sin. Despite being forgiven, the consequences of sin remain. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation God forgives our sins, and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act. The mercy of God is stronger than sin. An *Indulgence*, through Jesus' Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by sin. The indulgence of the Holy Year means to approach the Father's mercy with certainty that His forgiveness extends to the entire life of the believer. To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, bestowing upon us the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Live this Jubilee intensely, begging the Father to forgive our sins and to bathe us in His merciful indulgence.

A plenary indulgence is the remission of the temporal consequences of our sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The time is perfect for discerning how to benefit from this extraordinary Year of Mercy. The punishment we suffer for our sins is a manifestation of God's justice sinners experience here on earth or in Purgatory after our death. If God limited Himself to justice, He would cease to be God, being like humans who expect merely that the law be respected. God goes beyond justice with His mercy and forgiveness. This doesn't mean that justice is rendered superfluous. Those who sin, pay the price. The beginning of conversion is to feel the tenderness of God. The consequences for our iniquities are remitted by our acceptance of penance and mortification during our lifetime or during a temporary purifying absence from God's presence preceding our miraculous entrance into eternal glory in heaven. St. Augustine says: "It is easier for God to hold back anger than mercy." God's anger lasts but a moment, Yahweh's mercy is forever.

Modern society does not view supernatural activity as our ancestors did, but none deny that the belief in miracles is a part of our lives. Miraculous events are ways that God shows humans His mercy. At the consecration of the Eucharist at

Mass; the Celebrant calls upon the Holy Spirit to transubstantiate bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. That is a supernatural occurrence, but because we are so accustomed to participating at Mass we sometimes don't even reflect on the miracle we are witnessing. The Catholic Church is scrupulous when verifying a miracle. The Medical Bureau at Lourdes for example, has declared that 67 authentic miracles have taken place in the grotto of Lourdes since 1858. That is only 1% of the people who have claimed to be physically healed by the miraculous spring of water dug by St. Bernadette at the direction of the Virgin Mary. Those confirmed miracles don't consider the *spiritual* healings of pilgrims seeking a cleansing of their ailing soul. The latest approved miracle occurred in 1952 when an Italian woman was healed of a heart condition. The Church declared that an official miracle in 2005 after 50 years of investigation.

Paragraph 14 of Pope Francis' Bull exhorts the practice of *pilgrimage* has a place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each makes in this life. The human is a pilgrim travelling along, making their way to the desired destination. To reach the Holy Door everyone will have to make a pilgrimage. This is a sign that mercy is a goal that requires dedication and sacrifice. A pilgrimage is an impetus to conversion: by crossing the Holy Door, we find God's mercy.

A plenary indulgence diminishes the effect our sinfulness has on the 3rd or 4th generation of our progeny (see Dt. 5:9). Consider making a pilgrimage to a designated Door of Mercy to eliminate the pains of purgatory and to benefit your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild. A pilgrimage to a local Cathedral, Basilica, or designated shrine is easy, the HNS Mass and Communion Breakfast at St. Patrick Cathedral in April will suffice (the entrance facing 51st Street is the Holy Door to enter). Go to confession the evening before (or not more than 8 days prior or after you receive Holy Communion with the intent of attaining the indulgence), participate in a merciful act, and pray for the Holy Father's intentions. This supernatural wonder is that simple and that effective!

People attribute inexplicable mysteries to acts of God, but miracles are not the focus of our faith; the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus holds that distinction. Miracles increase our devotion, but our religion does not need these manifestations. The Church is clear that events like apparitions and private revelation, akin to Jesus speaking to St. Faustina, Apostle of Divine Mercy, are not part of the Deposit of Faith that must be believed by every faithful Christian. Having said that, I still recall my first thought after reading the New York Times account of the miraculous dancing of the Sun on October 13, 1917 at Fatima, witnessed by 70,000 pilgrims: How is the whole world not Catholic?

-Tom Roche



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# JUBILEE 92<sup>nd</sup> 2016

## Communion Mass & Breakfast

*In Memory of Our Fallen Firefighters*

Sunday, April 24, 2016

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 ∞

GENE KELTY

Battalion Chief – Battalion 10

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Lieutenant – Engine 259 – Retired

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

## HNS'S Jubilee 2016

### Tickets/Information

Chris Ward .....cward23@optonline.net

Joe Kelly (Retirees) .....(718) 761-5411

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### 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 15<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the drawing. Remember that the Higher Education Scholarship Award has been INCREASED!

I once lived in a large apartment house that had over 200 families. The only people I knew were my next door neighbors to say hello. People might say hello in the elevator, but not often. Most tenants lived their own lives and had no real physical or emotional connection to the other people in the building. In a sense, it was a lonely place to live. I believe that building was no different than any other.

If we were to look at this in another perspective, we might get another view. There is another type of connection and it often goes unnoticed. If something happened to someone in the building the other tenants would keep them in their hearts and prayers. There are strong spiritual ties between so many people.

Whenever Pope Francis is out, he asks those he addresses to pray for him. He needs our prayers to effectively do his job. When we pray the Hail Mary we say to Mary, "Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." During Mass, at the penitential rite, we pray, "therefore I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary all the angels and saints and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to Lord our God." We need Mary, the angels and saints, and our brothers and sisters to pray for us to effectively do the things that we are charged with doing. Without these people praying for us we might fail.

During the Intercessions at Mass at the FDNY Retreat we are given an opportunity to mention people and things that need our prayers. So many attending call out something that is very important to them, other people that need prayers. We should be as willing to pray for others as we would have them pray for us.

We are all on the same journey together. We are preparing in this life to pass into a new life into the joys of heaven. Every one of us will get there! None of us can do it alone. We need physical, emotional, and spiritual help. Without the prayers of others, our personal journey becomes that much harder.


The HNS retreat at Bishop Molloy is a gathering of men and women who are getting in touch with the spiritual connection between all of us. It is prayerful and nourishing. It brings us closer to God!

Prayer works! We should all become part of that most important "spiritual web". Get connected! Join us on Oct. 18-20 and begin to experience a boost in your spirituality that so many of us long for and have difficulty finding.

- 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. 18, 2016**  
through breakfast on  
**Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016**

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

Each year in October the men & women of the fire Department come together for the Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica, Queens. From this large department only the same few men & women participate & join together as true followers. It is a necessity to have an increase in numbers. All that is needed is twenty or thirty strong firefighters to join us and become part of this annual theme. Firefighters have always been courageous. Now is the time to show that courage. The passionist priests as well as your brothers and sisters in the department will help you overcome any fears or doubts you may have. Doubts and fears that you have inherited because of the pressure of society. Don't let the other guy do it. You are the one we need! Talk it over with the other firefighters in the firehouses, perhaps they will want to come to. Make plans today by calling the retreat house 718-739-1229. "The Lord is gracious & merciful allow to anger & of great kindness".  
—Ret. Batt. Chief Jim Schuppel

### **\$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](http://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**

## WALT'S RETIREE CORNER

I pray you all had a great Christmas & New Year! I was talking to Tom Lynch President of the FDNY Hudson Valley East association. Tom is retired out of Ladder 17. Tom was appointed Jan. 9, 1982 & was assigned to Engine 50 after 5 years Tom went across the floor to ladder 17. In 1995, Tom became our Bronx trustee & served until 1999. Tom retired Dec 1, 2003 with Asthma, a result of working at the WTC. Tom married his loving wife, Peggy, Oct 15, 1983 he has three daughters & a son.

Tom & a number of brothers saw a need for an organization in the lower Hudson Valley to keep the members active & retired informed. They found a location in Mahopac in the Mahopac Fire house, meetings are held from 10 am to 12 on the third Thursday of the month. A wonderful group of both active and retired is in attendance they usually have a guest speaker and information on what's going on and off the job. I ask any members past & present to join us. You will get the opportunity to meet up with friends who share a common bond & best of all to drive home during the daylight.

Phil McArdle is our recording Secretary Phil's resume would fill several pages. Phil was appointed July 26, 1982 & graduated Val-or Victorian from FDNY Probie School & got to choose his first company Ladder 58. Phil spent two years & then brought his talents to the newly forming Hazmat unit Sept 24, 1984. Phil's background was an Engineer, Power plant operator & knowledge of machinery. Phil married his wife Eileen in 1982. She works for the Board of Education they have four children. Their son, Philip works in construction in the city. Brian is a financial advisor & consultant. He is married & works out of Boston, MA. Phil lost his son Andrew to a tragic auto accident. His lovely daughter Colleen is a nurse & works at Danbury Hospital. Phil brought his talents teaching Hazmat across the world. He taught at Los Alamos National Laboratory, NASA, & FDNY. After retirement March 2008 Phil worked at Con Ed for two years then at the learning center & National Fire Academy he also wrote papers & taught on confined spaces. Phil's message is, **"Take care of your health. Get your WTC & other checkups Do Not Put It Off !"**

I HIT A HOME RUN! I had a chance to talk to John Hands the Treasure of FDNY Hudson Valley EAST. John came on the job Nov. 1989 & was assigned to Engine 290. After gaining experience in the engine he wanted to leave the squirters & join the choppers in Ladder 103 then on to Ladder 38. John was promoted to lieutenant Feb. 2004 & assigned to ladder 55. John married the love of his life Laura, May 1994 they have two sons to be proud of. Even who's a junior in high school & plays basketball most likely a star on the team. Johns' other son, Luke is a Sophomore at the Maritime Collage you can imagine how proud Laura & John are to have a son in such a prestigious collage. As I said, John is the treasure of the FDNY Hudson Valley East & is always ready to extend a hand to new members active & retired. John's message is a familiar one, **"Take care of your medicals"**.

Pray for troops in harm's way & our Firefighters who also go to war each tour. If you have a message, a joke or want to contact an old friend Call Walt Whitmore 914-779-1826 or email at wpwhitmore126@gmail.com .

**"We only get one chance at life don't waste it!"** Take care & God Bless, Walt

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 simply changing the beneficiary on a retirement plan or life insurance. Making a bequest can offer a means of preserving an individual's or family's current support of the Holy Name Society. Please contact Joe Bryant, President FDNY HNS with questions regarding ways to give. Thank you.

### Spring Schedule Meeting Dates

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Burk's Restaurant, 645 Bronx River Road, Yonkers

8:00 PM

Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island

8:00 PM

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Eleanor Rigby's, Mineola, LI

8:00 PM

ELECTIONS of Board MEMBERS

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**Presidents Message**

When you receive this newsletter we will be in the season of Lent. If you have not started on your Lenten Journey, now would be a good time to start. Let us prepare ourselves for the risen Christ. A few suggestions to help you start your journey: each day say a favorite prayer, read a few passages from the bible, go out of your way for a stranger, and call that friend or family member you have not heard from for some time. The Annual Communion Mass & Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016. Yes, this is 4 weeks after Easter. Please mark your calendars **NOW**. Our higher education scholarship drawing will take place during the Breakfast. Members must be present at the breakfast & have submitted an application to our Scholarship Chairman to be eligible to be entered in the drawing. The High School Scholarship test will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2016. 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. If any member owes any back dues, your back dues should be paid before July each year. A big THANK YOU to all our former scholarship winners, their families and our members who contribute to our Father Mychal Judge Scholarship Fund. It is your support of our scholarship program that allows the children of our members to attend a Catholic High School. The retired members' dues letter went out this past December & our active members' dues letter should accompany this newsletter. The retired member's envelope was supposed to show you're last year paid, but it was left off the envelope. The last year you paid should be above your name on this newsletter! The active members should see the last year they paid above their name on the envelope. We are in the process of changing over our member's database so please bear with us. Any questions you can drop me a note, email or go to our web site (contact us). Please include your name, address and phone number. If you move, transfer, retire or are new members signing up for direct payment, please go to our web site and click on contact us and give us your name, address, telephone number, unit, rank & any other information that has changed so that we can keep our records up to date. If you have any spare time I can always use your help! **We are still in need of new members for our Executive Board.** 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

**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! Web: <http://fdnyholynamesociety.com> E-mail: [fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net](mailto:fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net)

**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!