

# HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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#### **Congratulations to the Fire Department City of New York Holy Name Society**

This year we celebrate the UNIFICATION of the FDNY's two chapters of the HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Bronx - Manhattan-Staten Island and Brooklyn-Queens. The two historically operated independently in affiliation with the two archdiocese within NYC. As of January 1, 2020 Firefighters, Fire Officers, EMT's and Paramedics from all 5 boroughs were joined under one FDNY Holy Name Society Banner and Organization.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

to the

Fire Department City of New York Aide to the Grand Marshal New York City 2020 Saint Patrick's Day Parade



Fr. Christopher B. Keenan O.F.M.

The FDNY Holy Name Society would like to encourage all members to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and proudly march up 5th Ave. behind the Holy Name Society Banner on Tuesday March 17th. FDNY will assemble on 47th Street. See the Department Order for FDNY Formation.

#### 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!

Website: http://fdnyholynamesociety.com E-mail address: fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net

#### 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 March 30th 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 5, 2020. 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. Please detach the below ticket form and mail to the following address with your donation of \$100:

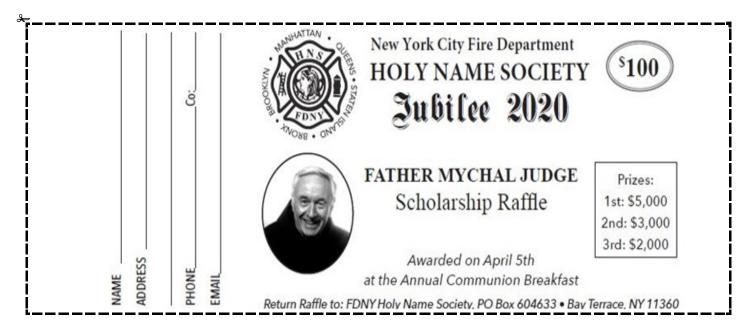
#### FDNY Holy Name Society, PO Box 604633, Bay Terrace, NY 11360

If you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact: The Father Mychal Judge Raffle and Scholarship Committee:

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# New York City Fire Department HOLY NAME SOCIETY **3ubilee** 2020

## Communion Mass & Breakfast

In Memory of Our Fallen Firefighters

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Communion Mass

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Breakfast immediately following at the

### **New York Hilton Hotel**

Avenue of the America's & 53rd Street

#### HONORING



Thomas J. Richardson
Chief of Operations



Joseph "JoJo" Esposito
Firefighter, Rescue 5

Recipient of the

Fr. Mychal Judge Humanitarian Award



The Officers and Members of Engine 233, Ladder 176 and The Field Communication Unit

Tickets: Donation \$67.00
For tickets contact Lt. Jerry Walsh • gwalsh38@gmail.com • 347-525-4108

In the first balcony scene of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Juliet says to Romeo; "Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow. That I shall say good night till it be morrow". This line has been used for over 500 years. It is as appropriate today as it was then.

As regards to the Bishop Molloy Retreat House, we can say the same. The FDNY Holy Name Society has been going there for its mid-week retreat for decades. This last retreat, we were told that the Retreat House wasn't closing, but was being re-tooled to meet the needs of today's Church. They will close after the last retreat in June and it is not known when they will reopen or whether the FDNY HNS will have the opportunity to continue having retreats there.

This last retreat was another great enjoyable, spiritual two days of fellowship with fellow firefighters, great retreat directors, and delicious food. Everyone there thought "parting is such sweet sorrow"! It was a place that was comfortable and known to us. We had the privacy of our own rooms, a beautiful chapel, beautiful grounds to walk in, the walking way of the Stations of the Cross, familiar and very competent retreat directors, beautiful art in the halls, comfortable chairs in the meeting room, good food, great cookies at the end of the night, a nice glass of wine at the last meal. Most of all, we enjoyed the fellowship of fellow firefighters as we took a couple of days to get our lives in some spiritual order. We all needed each other for strength and encouragement. It was firefighter brother-hood at the highest level.

Fr. Mike, the director of the Retreat House often said to us that most retreats had a warm up period at the start where retreatants needed time to warm up and relax. We were the exception. Although we came from all of the boroughs, we hit the ground running and Fr. Mike and the rest of the staff had to catch up to us. It was a wonderful and holy space. We will all miss it.

We will miss the comfort and security of the Bishop Molloy Retreat House, but we are not saying good bye to the HNS retreat. Firefighters, because of the nature of their work need a time to stop the clock and group together to re-focus on the God in our lives and how much we are in His thoughts and how much we need to know that he is there. God is accompanies us every time we go out the door.

We are now searching for another place to have our annual retreats. We are looking at means of transportation if the new location is a greater distance. We have 10 months to plan for the next retreat. We could use some help in determining places that could accommodate us mid-week. If you have any ideas, please contact the HNS to share your suggestion. There will be another retreat in October 2020. The only thing we don't know is where it will be.

-Stephen Damato



# Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat

Is in need of a new retreat house.

Please call (516)775-5120 with any suggestions

#### \$20.00 <u>Dues</u> \$20.00

Are your dues up to date?

#### <u>Please check</u> your <u>mailing labels</u> for <u>dues</u> in <u>arrears</u>!

(Over your first name you will find a 4 digit number, which represents the last year you paid your dues.)

Please forward your dues to:

#### **Active Members**

FDNY Holy Name Society PO Box 604633, Bay Terrace, NY 11360

#### 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.

#### Retired Members

Tom Martin

111 Kimball Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10704

Retirees: if you are paying your dues from your

pension, please contact: Tom Martin

by phone (914)924-8077 or

EMAIL: tommymar@verizon.net

with your updated contact information

#### **The Fire Family Transport**

Foundation has a vehicle available to transport members and their families "to and from medical

institutions for Care and family support". The drivers of the vans are volunteers, both active and retired FDNY firefighters. If any members of the FDNY Retirees would like to volunteer their time please contact:

Chris Garcia Perrott; 212-570-1693

Steve Beyar : fd4now@aol.com

Dan Prince: hkld156@aol.com

If you or a member of your family needs transport to and from a medical institution go to the

website below

Call FDNY Family Assistance Unit at 718-9991473 http://ww.firefamilytransport.org/

#### Walt's Retiree Corner

Got a joke, a story, or want to contact an old friend? Call me at: 1-914-779-1826, Write to me at: 126 Windermere Drive Yonkers NY 10710, or Email wpwhitmore126@gmail.com

#### **WTC MEDICALS & PRESCRIPTIONS**

Any FDNY retired Fire or EMS member who participated for any amount of time in the rescue & recovery at the WTC, Land Fill, Morgue, etc. between 9/1/01 -7/11/02 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. Medical care for 9-11 first responders has been extended 75 years. New cancer claims must be requested within 2 years of the pathology report. If it is over a year since your last medical call today for a fellow up medical, now!

# 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

#### Monday March 2nd

Downey's Bar and Grill, 5790 Mosholu Ave., Bronx 7:30 PM

#### Monday, May 4th

Location TBD

Check Holy Name Society Website for updates

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