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**YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED IN THE FDNY "NEW NORMAL"**

I share with you some difficult realities of suffering in the FDNY that invites your compassion, empathy and presence through prayer, and where needed, an active response to our members sick with illnesses from 9/11.

We suffered ourselves a tragic loss of 343 brothers who died together on that one day known as 9/11. We "always remember and never forget" each of them by name, their families and loved ones. As a Franciscan brother who lived in fraternity with our Chaplin Mychal Judge, OFM, I am always grateful to you for your response to me and Mychal's sisters, Erin and Dympna, as one of those 343 families.

Our "New Normal" is that one by one we have already seen the death of the 135 of our members. By the time you read this there will have been more who have died. **There are over 10,300 members with one or more health certifications for various levels of cancer alone. This does not include those with respiratory and other illnesses.**

A midst this reality, I invite you to a renewed hope as we embrace a new consciousness of the meaning that "always remember and never forget" those of us who are now living with chronic and terminal illnesses. Our prayer and active response is needed to those who are retired because they are suffering from the illnesses of 9/11.

"Toolie", Firefighter James O'Toole of L41, is the 135th one of us to have died of an illness of 9/11 as of January 1st, 2017. Toolie and I were brothers together in the "PIT" for 7 months. I celebrated the gift of his life to us at his Mass of Christian Burial before Christmas. I can't count how many others I have had the gift of journeying with from life through death to new life.

Just today alone, I have visited a brother in Hospice, another in the hospital having surgery and arranged with FF Danny Prince of FFT for transportation for another brother recently diagnosed with leukemia needing chemo, radiation, and stem cell therapy.

There are over 10,300 of us with one or more health certifications for various levels of cancer alone and with the progression of their illnesses through the years will need transportation to treatment. Again, this does not include those with respiratory and other illnesses. **Can you offer your time to help?**

In memory of the 135 FDNY men and woman who have died, let us concretely express that "we will always remember and never forget" by offering our time to help transport the growing number of members and their families who would greatly appreciate the gift of our presence to them in their time of need.

**The next step on our path forward: 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 and say you are available. Let us **"always remember and never forget."**

Fr. Chris Keenan Chaplin

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

**Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat, October, 2016**



### The Giver of Life

Every Sunday we recite a Profession of Faith that recalls our belief in the Holy Spirit. In the Nicene Creed we add to our revealed understanding that the Holy Spirit is "the Lord, the giver of life." I find it interesting that even before we confess our belief in the Holy Spirit we have already acknowledged His greatest work; "by the power of the Holy Spirit He [Jesus] was born of the Virgin Mary." This makes perfect sense to me because God Almighty is never restricted by time like us mere mortals. Think about the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, where Mary is conceived naturally by her biological parents, Anne and Joachim, yet her soul was created by God immaculate, meaning without the stain of original sin. For the rest of us, we need Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the remission of original sin. Chronologically, the Sacrament of Baptism receives its effectiveness from the paschal sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His passion, death and Resurrection, yet Mary, the human Mother of Jesus, receives this singular grace and achieves baptism's benefit before Jesus becomes man. God's ways are much higher than man's ways (cf. Isaiah 55:9).

When we consider that God the Holy Spirit is the giver of life; how should that influence our conception of life? For me, that means every life is sacred and thus belongs to God, as St. Peter proclaimed "you put the Author of Life to death" (see Acts 3:15): this was a condemnation not an acclamation! How is it that a Christian founded society has fallen so sharply in its nature that it condones a death sentence upon the innocent? By allowing a mother (fathers' are given no rights in this choice; although some may be guilty of approving or, even worse, encouraging such a decision) to declare a death sentence on her own child, society is allowing the most despicable act of all, Murder. I refute the argument that the mother or family just can't afford the child, because we all know that adoption is the most viable option when humility reigns over pride. In fact, IVF, another sin against the natural order (I struggled deeply with calling this a sin until I realized several embryos are discarded or aborted during this procedure), would not be necessary at all if the million abortions a year were brought to term, leaving the couples unable to conceive naturally enough babies to adopt and raise as their own.

God is the giver of life, so He is also rightly the sole Judge of who will live and who will die. I find it sad that those who have propagated or been proponents of abortion might now be victims of euthanasia, because they have no one who loves them enough to care for them in their old age. If society has judged that the unborn and young (Belgium is now proposing a parents right to terminate the life of children up to 12 years of age) can be killed because they are a burden, it is only natural that they will despise the old as a drain on society. The UFOA reminds us continuously that segments of society consider our pensions as an unjust entitlement: so what do you think that society will want to do with you when you are in need of assisted living and considered a double burden on society? Being put to death, not by execution but starvation, is now considered a humane act. Do you think so? If you don't, then I recommend you start thinking and acting with a pro-life perspective. If you do, than just stop eating now and save a future medical profess

sional from the sin of murder, after all, in your mindset, it is the merciful thing to do!

Much of what I say may seem harsh and judgmental to many and even hypocritical to those who know me, so let me qualify this article with a confession; I am a sinner, and, unlike my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, can readily and justly be called a glutton and drunkard, therefore I condemn nobody for their personal sins, but rather call society at large to seriously contemplate the direction it has adopted or is proposing in regard to human life, from conception to natural death, and to develop an informed conscience in its political policies. As St. Paul aptly proclaimed, "in my weakness I am strong;" the strength of Jesus Christ is revealed in our salvation, in spite of our faults. Choose Life not selfishness and utilitarian materialism! May God bless all Americans in 2017!

- Tom Roche



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#### 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>

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#### 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!



New York City Fire Department  
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**  
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# JUBILEE 2017

## 93<sup>rd</sup>

### Communion Mass & Breakfast

*In Memory of Our Fallen Firefighters*

Sunday, April 30, 2017

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

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## HNS'S Jubilee 2017

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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 21<sup>st</sup>** to be included in the drawing.

## December 2017

Today is December 17th and Christmas is 8 days away. It is a special day in the Church. It is a time when the Church switches its view from a time of reflection and repentance in preparation of the great feast, to a time of anxiously anticipating the arrival of the birth of our Savior. The opening of the official prayer of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours, changes from "...the King who is to come" to "the Lord is close at hand, come, let us worship him". It is a very exciting time!

When you look at children at Christmas time, you can't help but notice the excitement they exhibit. Much of it is the anticipation of Santa's arrival, but it is more than that. Children sense something larger than Santa. If they are Christian, they at least experience the coming of the birth of Jesus. In some cases, His coming rivals that of Santa. Christmas brings with it energy unlike any other time of the year. The children know this and it shows in their behavior.

We all know the feeling of the excitement they exhibit. There was a time when we too felt the same excitement. For many of us, that excitement changed, we lost the feeling. In each of us there is a deep longing to get that feeling back, whether we are aware of it or not. There is a Santa and through the years as we mature, he changes. Santa Clause (SC) becomes the Spirit of Christmas (SC). To experience the Spirit of Christmas is all about experiencing the presence of Jesus, the Christ.

Christmas time is a time of celebration. We do it with lights, Christmas trees, carols, food, and gatherings with friends and family. For all of us it is an exciting time of year. After Christmas, (now) we may feel a letdown in our spirit. We have to keep the Spirit of Christmas alive in our hearts. We can best do this by practicing our faith. There are many ways to do this and it should be a priority for all of us.

The Holy Name Society retreat is one of the very good ways to revive that Spirit. It is a time of celebration with prayer, food, and a gathering with friends and "family". Many firefighters have said they would like to attend, but they don't make the time. They lose an opportunity for exciting growth in spirit, that deep internal desire. Make the time to join us, renew the feeling!

By: Stephen Damato

### Come for a "Day Tour" or maybe 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**. You decide what you have time for!



## Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat

at the  
**Bishop Molloy  
Retreat House**  
from **Supper** on  
**Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017**  
through breakfast on  
**Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017**

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

As a former attendant of the Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House my prayers are always with you. We the retirees come from the not so former past of fighting fires with hoses & axes. Today firefighting has changed & is very different than it was years ago. Some day you too may belong to a retirement group much like our Okane group in Florida. Today at your retreat you are members of Christs men & God is always watching over you. You are comrades in your vocation & religion. Firefighters have a strong bond to each other, just as Christ has with you in life. When you look onto retirement, your retreats you attended & your time of fire service will have a strong bond to each other. Make plans to attend today by calling the retreat house 718-739-1229.

- Ret. Batt. Chief Jim Schuppel

**\$10.00**

**Dues**

**\$10.00**

**Are your dues up to date?**

**Please check your mailing labels for dues in arrears!**

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Joseph Bryant

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#### **Retired Members**

Joe Kelly

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**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 met a few members at the East Hudson Christmas party & picked up a few good stories. I met Mike Heffom, he came on the job Nov. 29, 1969. His first assignment E- 277-2, Nov. 1972, L- 131, on to Squad 5 in with E- 41. In 1976, Mike moved to L- 46 & worked with my brother Larry. In 1983, his first promotion he wound up in E- 45. 1991 another promotion to Captain of L- 25 Mike retired in 1997. Mike married his wife Mary in 1973 they have two children Marcel & William. They have a second grandchild on the way. Mike tells me he likes Naples Fla. In the winter, Mike speaks of a rescue from a car wash of a dog & puppy it was suggested he get the ASPCA award. Reminds me of a top floor fire, a dog jumped out the window 6 stories up & was hanging from a leash around its neck tied to something in a burning apartment. I moved the Ariel to the dog & went up the ladder. Hundreds of people watching & me praying please don't bite me. I squeezed the dog so hard on the way down I felt if I dropped him my choice was the spectators or the fire, at that time, I would have chosen the fire! John Amato on the job Nov. 22, 1998 assigned to E- 68 then rotation to L-35 a year later back to E- 68 three years later across the floor to L-49. John is now a L-49 Chauffeur. John & wife, Tanya have two children. Gregory 23 is an account in Manhattan, daughter Michele is a senior at the University of South Carolina. Michele is in the Army reserves for 4 years & is a Chaplains assistant. She is leaving with her unit for the Middle East next year. John owns the Somers Hot Bagel Shop 80 Rt. 6 Somers NY! John did the Catering for the Christmas party & does it for the firefighters. Johns on Facebook, all I can say is wow! It is not just Bagels. He has got everything! Please take a moment to look & enjoy. I would also mention he is the favored cook for his Firehouse. The soups yum yum! From the six men John worked with on 911 he is the only one still working.

Mike Obrien joined our table, Mike volunteered at Calvary Hospital 10 to 15 years in FDNY Anchor Club. He was Appointed Oct.4, 1969 just in time for the war years (2 to 3 All Hands a day not uncommon) & assigned to L-56 then to 46 truck for 8 years, Lt. L-25, Capt. E- 44, & Chief 20th Batt. Mike retired Jan. 25, 2005. Mike was married to his beautiful wife Eileen Aug. 16, 1969 (Woodstock weekend for those who remember). His son Michael is a bond trader. His daughter, Tara has 3 children. Mike also has five grandchildren. Mike was a State Trooper for 2 years, he was broken in as roof man by my brother Larry. We were so busy those years we had 2 firefighters working 4 PM to Midnight 2 roof men & an above fire floor team. Mike says he enjoyed his 35 years & enjoys seeing the members at Mahopac fire house each month. Tom Roach joined us, he was appointed Sept.2, 1978 & assigned to E- 216 Williamsburg L-108, 1989 L-33, Toms first promotion 1994 E-37, made Captain in 1999 covered one year assigned to E- 68, 2002 Chief bounced then to 19th Battalion. While doing this he went to law school & became a lawyer. Tom retired Feb. 2, 2002. Tom was married in 1981 to his wonderful wife Karen. They have two sons Tom & John. They sell prosthetics devices. We talked about the 23 street fire, a friend of Toms, Manny Fernandez was MPO E-18, & all his men were lost. What it must have felt like driving back to quarters alone. Tom was the all hands Chief when we lost two men in a Dollar store fire. The illegal repairs from a previous fire caused the floor to collapsed sending Howard "Howie" Carpluck & Proby Mike Reilly into the basement soon after the roof collapsed with the air conditioners, others were pulled to safety. Howie though buried tried to direct rescuers to his location. Mike Reilly died at the collapse. Howie lived a few days & succumbed to his injuries. Look up the full story on Google.

God bless all our troops & firefighters. 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 me at wppwhitmore126@gmail.com -Walter Whitmore

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 6<sup>th</sup>

Burk's Restaurant, 645 Bronx River Road, Yonkers

8:00 PM

#### Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island

8:00 PM

#### Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Eleanor Rigby's, Mineola, LI

8:00 PM

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**President's Message:**

When you receive this newsletter we will be approaching the season of lent. Now would be a good time to prepare ourselves for the risen Christ as we make our Lenten Journey starting on Ash Wednesday this March 1st. A few suggestions to help with your journey; each day say a favorite prayer; read a few passages from the bible; go out of your way for a stranger; or call a friend/family member you have not heard from.

The Annual Communion Mass and Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017. This is **2 weeks after Easter**, so mark your calendars **NOW!** We have a journal ad form attached below, if you are interested in taking out an add to advertise a business or to thank our Honorees! Our Higher Education Scholarship will take place during the breakfast. Members must be present at the breakfast and must have submitted a scholarship application to our scholarship chairman to be eligible for the drawing. The High School test will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2017. All Members must be in good standing for at least 10 years to eligible for our Scholarship Program worth over \$30,000.00 each year. If any member owes back dues, your back dues should be paid up before the end of July.

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 Catholic High School.

The retired men's **dues letter** went out this past December and our active member's **dues letter accompanies this newsletter**. **Over your First Name you will find a 4 digit number, which represents the last year you paid your dues.** We are in the process of changing over our data base so please bear with us. Any questions you can drop me a note or email: [fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net](mailto:fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net).

If you move, transfer, or retire or are a new member signing up for direct payment please go to our web site and click on contact us & give us your name, address, telephone number, unit, rank and any other information that has changed. We also ask that you make sure that we have your up to date email. 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 and 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 and stay safe, Joe

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