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The spirit of the Lord is upon me...he
has sent me to bring good news to the
oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and
release to the prisoners.
Isaiah 61:1

AS FIREFIGHTERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY, WE ARE RELATED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit connects, reconciles, forgives, heals and makes two into one. It moves beyond human-made-boundaries to utterly realign and renew that which is separated and alienated. The "diabolical" (from two Greek words, dia balein, that means "to throw apart"), by contrast, always divides, separates that which could be united and at peace. Just as the Holy Spirit always makes one out of two, so the evil one invariably makes two out of one! The evil one tears the fabric of life apart, while the Spirit comes to mend, soften and heal.

In this reading from Isaiah for the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, the prophet describes the coming Servant of Yahweh. IT IS PRECISELY THIS QUOTE THAT JESUS FIRST USES TO ANNOUNCE THE EXACT NATURE OF HIS OWN MINISTRY (Luke 4:18-19). In each case Jesus describes his work as moving outside of polite and proper limits and boundaries to reunite things that have been marginalized or excluded by society: the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, the downtrodden.

His ministry is not to gather the so called good into a private country club but to reach out to those on the edge and on the bottom, that those who are "last" to tell them they are, in fact, the first! That is almost the very job description of the Holy Spirit, and therefore of Jesus. It follows, therefore, that this is the job description of we brothers together who are members of the Holy Name (of Jesus) Society. We are Jesus' first responders to those around us who are poor and oppressed in society.

The more we can put together, the more we can "forgive" and allow, the more we can include and enjoy, the more we tend to be living in the Holy Spirit.

The more we need to reject, oppose, deny, exclude and eliminate, the more open we are to negative and destructive voices and to our own worst instincts.

As always, Jesus is our "first responder" model of healing, outreach and reconciliation, the ultimate (fire) man of the Spirit.

REFLECT

On Ash Wednesday the sign of the cross is made on your forehead saying: "RE-FORM YOUR LIFE AND LIVE THE GOOD NEWS".

What divisions exist in your life? As a member of the Holy Name of Jesus, how can you let the Holy Spirit mend those divisions?

Adapted from "Preparing for Christmas" by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, pp. 36-38

Christopher Keenan, OFM, FDNY Chaplain

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

Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat, October, 2012



THE YEAR OF FAITH

Pope Benedict pronounced October 11, 2012 through November 24, 2013 a Year of Faith. The last Year of Faith declared by our Church was 1967 to honor the 1900th anniversary of the martyrdom of Sts. Peter and Paul. Our current Year of Faith commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Below is a summary of our Pope's Apostolic Letter.

The "door of faith" opens for all a life with God and entry into His Church when the Word of God is proclaimed and the heart is transformed by His grace. Our lifelong journey begins with baptism, where we address God as Father, and ends with our passage through death to eternal life. Our faith is an encounter with Christ. The Church, like Christ, leads people out of the desert, towards the place of life, towards friendship with the God. We feed ourselves on the Word of God and on the Bread of Life, offered as sustenance for Jesus' disciples. The teaching of Jesus resounds today with the same power: "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life" (Jn 6:27). "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent" (Jn 6:29). Belief in Jesus Christ is the way to salvation. The New Evangelization is meant to usher the Church into a rediscovery of her faith.

Renewal is achieved through the witness offered by the lives of believers. Christians are called to radiate the truth that Jesus has left us. The Church, clasping sinners to its bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification, follows the path of penance and renewal. The mystery of Jesus' death and Resurrection reveals the saving love that calls us to repentance and God's forgiveness. The love of Christ fills our hearts and impels us to evangelize. Through love Jesus Christ attracts to Himself the people of every generation. Jesus convokes the Church to a stronger commitment of evangelization, to rediscover the joy of believing and communicating the faith. In discovering God's love, believers attain a force and vigor that can never fade. Faith grows when lived as an experience of love received, expanding our hearts in hope and enabling us to bear life-giving witness. Faith opens hearts and minds. Those who listen to and respond to the Lord's invitation adhere to His word and become His disciples. Believers strengthen themselves by a continual search for the beauty of the faith until their heart finds rest in God.

A believing faith grows into a love that has its origin in God. Recalling God's precious gift of faith we celebrate this Year. Reflecting on the faith, believers in Christ acquire a conscious and vigorous adherence to the Gospel. We profess our faith in the Risen Lord in our churches, in our homes, and among our families and friends, so that everyone may know and transmit to future generations an authentic Catholic faith. Parishes make a public profession of the Credo to arouse in every believer the aspiration to profess the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction. To intensify the celebration of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, which is "the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed and the source from which all its power flows, pray that believers' witness of life may grow in credibility. Rediscovering our faith is a task every believer can make their own this Year.

Christians in the early centuries learned the creed as a daily prayer, "Man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved" (Rom 10:10). We come to faith by God's gift, and that act of grace transforms us deep within. Believing is not sufficient unless the heart, the sacred space within us, is opened by grace and allows the eyes to see, to understand that what is proclaimed is the Word of God. A Christian may

never think of belief as a private act. Faith is standing with the Lord so as to live with Him. Faith is a free act demanding social responsibility. Pentecost demonstrates this public dimension of believing and proclaiming one's faith fearlessly. The gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens our witness making our profession of faith an act both personal and communitarian. Knowing the faith is essential for giving one's assent, adhering fully with intellect and will to the saving mystery revealed by God. We accept the faith, because its truth is God, Who reveals Himself and allows us to know the mystery of His love. Many people are searching for the meaning of their lives. This search is a "preamble" to the faith, because it guides people to the mystery of God. To know the faith, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a precious and indispensable tool. The Year of Faith is an effort to rediscover from Sacred Scripture and the Catechism the many ways the Church has meditated on the faith and made progress in doctrine so as to offer certitude to believers.

A profession of faith is followed by a sacramental life, in which Christ is present, operative and continues to build His Church. Without the liturgy and the sacraments, the profession of faith would lack efficacy, because it would lack the grace which supports Christian witness. The teaching of the Catechism on the moral life acquires its full meaning if placed in relationship with faith, liturgy and prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides real support for the faith, especially for those concerned with the formation of Christians. Subject to questions arising from a changed mentality, which limits the field of rational certainties to that of scientific and technological discoveries, the Church demonstrates that there is no conflict between faith and genuine science when both seek the truth.

Of decisive importance this Year is retracing the history of our faith, marked by the mystery of holiness and sin. The latter provokes in each person a sincere and continuing work of conversion in order to experience the mercy of the Father held out to everyone. The martyrs gave their lives, bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel that had transformed them and made them capable of attaining to the greatest gift of love, the forgiveness of their persecutors. By faith, men and women of all ages, whose names are written in the Book of Life (cf. Rev 7:9, 13:8), have confessed the beauty of following the Lord Jesus. Witnessing to the fact that we are Christian, in our families, in the workplace, in public life, in the exercise of our vocations and ministries to which we were called, we too live recognizing the Lord Jesus present in our lives.

Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would be a sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt. Faith and charity require each other. May this Year of Faith firm our relationship with Christ, since only in God is there an authentic and lasting love. Christians know joy as well as the experience of suffering. Many believers in our own day are tested by God's silence when they would rather hear His consoling voice! The trials of life, while helping us to understand the mystery of the Cross and to participate in the sufferings of Christ, are a prelude to the joy and hope to which faith leads: "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10). We believe with certitude that the Lord Jesus has conquered evil and death. With this confidence we entrust ourselves to Him, present in our midst, Jesus overcomes the power of the evil one. The Church, the visible community of God's mercy, abides in Jesus as a sign of reconciliation with the Father. Let us entrust this time of grace to the Mother of God, proclaimed "blessed because she believed" (Lk 1:45). Pray this Year strengthens our Catholic Faith.

—Tom Roche



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JUBILEE 89th 2013

Communion Mass & Breakfast

In Memory of Our Fallen Firefighters

Sunday, April 7, 2013

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Communion Mass: 10:15 a.m.

Breakfast

immediately following at the

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Spring Schedule Meeting Dates

Monday, March 4th

The Greentree, Bronx

8:00 PM

Monday, April 1st

Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island

8:00 PM

Monday, April 29^h

Eleanor Rigby's, Mineola, LI

8:00 PM

ELECTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

March 28th to be included in the drawing. Remember that the Higher Education Scholarship

Award has been **INCREASED!**

We recently celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance. He proclaimed that the Lord was near and he would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire. John the Baptist was the prophet who prepared the way for Jesus.

Jesus in his ministry baptized with the Holy Spirit, touched many lives and had a profound effect on them. The apostles went all over the world to spread the Gospel. They were on fire with the Holy Spirit. Most of them went from a working class positions to itinerant preachers. Peter was a fisherman, Paul was a Pharisee, Matthew was a tax collector. After they encountered Jesus their lives drastically changed. They gave up the comforts of their past lives. They became homeless, poor and at times hungry. They often labored long hours and were often ostracized, beaten and jailed. All of them suffered a martyr's death.

If someone were to examine their lives from a physical standpoint, they would come to the conclusion that their lives were tragic. If they looked at it from a spiritual viewpoint they would say that their lives were triumphant and jubilant. If we were able to interview them at the time of their death we would be surprised how joyful they were. They remained full of the Holy Spirit and did their best to spread it to the world.

Today, we are offered the same things that the apostles were. All of us are in a relatively comfortable positions. We have families, cars, possessions, toys of all sorts and many activities to keep us busy. How open are we to accept the invitation of the Holy Spirit? Is it not even a part of our lives? Are we afraid to get involved? Do we sometimes experience it and respond occasionally? Has the Holy Spirit touched us and changed our lives?


If we live in a world where we only try to amass possessions or are not so concerned with those outside our circle of existence we risk not having anything at all. We can become poor in all our possessions. We all know that we need something else. That something else is the Holy Spirit. Finding the Spirit in our lives is a lifelong journey. The more open we are to it, the richer our lives become. We should try to be open to any opportunity to receive it.

Last October was the Holy Name retreat. All who attended experienced the Holy Spirit. Just ask anyone who was there if this is true. The retreat may not have drastically changed our lives, but it touched everyone and made them a little more open for the next encounter. Think about joining us next year. Think about the Holy Spirit in your own life.

- 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. 22, 2013
through breakfast on
Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013

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

The Game

In baseball, three strikes and your out. In basketball, you can't foul without drawing a penalty. In football when time expires the game is over. In hockey, the goalie is the man of protection. In life you can get more than three strikes or fouls but don't let the time run out. There is a man of protection always watching you. You can get on His team. His winning team books are always open. Sign up today. Join His Firefighters team and become a player with Him as your goalie. With His help you can win the game of life. Your tickets are waiting. Call today and join the firefighters retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House. Call now (718)739-1229. The World seems so caught up in the game it gives the illusion that darkness is winning. Increase your faith so that we can know that victory is ours.

— Retired Battalion Chief 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**

WALT'S RETIREE CORNER

We had a great HNS meeting at the Greentree Restaurant in Riverdale, Bronx. It was good to see we had a large turnout, maybe 42 brothers showed up.

I was fortunate to speak to the 'Man of the Year', Joe Brosi. Joe was appointed in September, 1970 just when the Bronx & other Burroughs were heating up. Joe started in 88-2. When it broke up, he went to Eng 72 & then over to 88, then onto 75. In all these companies, WOW! We had so many changes like 2nd section above the fire floor team, crazy hours (6 - 12 midnight). Joe was promoted in 1998 twenty-eight years after coming on the job. Joe has three (3) sons. Second on the job Captain Joe is on the list for Chief & Jim is a Chief. His third son, Jeffrey, is an entrepreneur. Joe studied for the Lieutenants test with his two sons to help them. Guess what, they all passed the test together. Joe was assigned to Queens 14th Div Randall's Island. Then back to Engine 88. Joe says he worked in the best places & enjoyed every minute of it. Speaking to Joe I can see why he was chosen 'Man of the Year'.

John Morrissey, Jim McDermott, Tony Zilliox & Kevin R. Okane sat at my table. We enjoyed the war stories we each told.

Kevin Butler, Holy Name Society 2012 Man of the Year' sat at the next table. He stopped by to say hello. Kevin was appointed on February 27, 1979. His first company Eng 44 for one year then to Eng 227 for three or four years; on to Ladder 132 & then promoted. Kevin bounced in the Bronx & became a Lieutenant at Eng 53. He made Captain & went back to 53. Then promoted to Battalion Chief (26th Battalion). In 2002, Kevin was assigned to the 6th Div & in 2010 he became Borough Commander. I hope I got most of this right. In any case an extraordinary rise through study & hard work. Kevin was married in 1982 to his loving wife, Christina. Kevin has two daughters, Sarah works in engineering in Manhattan & Christina works in Switzerland. By the way, she traveled home to join her father at the 'Man of the Year' breakfast. Kevin's son, Matt, just graduated from high school this year. Kevin's message "So happy to be selected as 2012's Man of the Year still can't figure out why." After reading this & speaking to Kevin, I can see why the Holy Name Society chose Kevin as 'Man of the Year'.

My friend, Jim McDermott, Retired Captain Ladder 52, has been very busy. His two daughters both had babies this year & one moved back home from Massachusetts to their new home in Connecticut [you know who helped that move].

Hello, to my Holy Name Society buddy from the 6th Div, Tony W. Zilliox. He was appointed December 17, 1977 & was assigned to Ladder 56 & Fire Prevention. In 1990 he worked in the 6th Div as an Aide. In 1998 he went to the Bronx maintenance & wound up back at the 6th Division. He retired out of Mass Service Unit August 28, 2002. Tony married his lovely wife, Carol Coyne in 1976. He probably told her he was a fireman a year before he got on the job to win her over. Tony & Carol have two children. Anthony works for UPS. Carolanne is a teachers Aid & is finishing up on her Master Degree at Hunter College. One of Tony's stories was not such a good one. When Tony was in the last weeks of his probie-school training, Tony took the ride of his life. He was tied up to be lowered from the roof at the school when the 'bowlen on the bite' let loose & Tony fell six (6) stories landing on a steel net support & then bouncing into the net. His leg was shattered & in a cast for six months. Tony is a great guy to speak to. He was a salesman before he was appointed to the F.D.N.Y. Not surprisingly, he knew so many guys from my company, Ladder 49 & Eng 68 after working in the 6th Division.

Had a great chat with Kevin R. Okane. He was appointed May 1973 and assigned to Ladder 58 for two and a half years. Unfortunately, Kevin was one of the brothers laid off for over a year. In my house, we all chipped in to help the laid-off brothers until they got jobs. Remember how many got bus driver jobs? Kevin got re-hired to Ladder 27 a year later & in April 1986 was promoted. Kevin covered & was assigned to Eng 59, then up to Ladder 39 [Herb Buckie Captain McKay's neighborhood]. Kevin married his beautiful wife, Germain in 1972. They have two children, Danielle & Michael. Kevin's daughter, Danielle, is in sales-marketing for a fabric company. She just got back from a working trip from China. Son, Michael, is on the job in Ladder 56, 187th and Webster in the 7th Division & Eng 48. He is on-the-job nine (9) years. Eng 59 had a dog named 'Jack'. Well, they had just put a roast beef on the table, to slice, & they had a run. Well, guess what happened to the roast beef? I think Jack, the dog, was the only one smiling when the brothers returned from the run. Sandwiches anyone?

On a sad note, Allen O'Neill appointed 1970 to Squad 1 in with Eng 59 & Ladder 30, lost his loving wife, Maryanne, to pancreatic cancer only 16 days after being diagnosed. Allen retired in 1990 has two sons; Billy & Danny. Danny is a Lieutenant in Queens.

Received a letter from past HNS president Mickey Collis. I would like to share some highlights from his letter with you:

Dear Walt,

Chinquantacine, Engine-55 In, "Little Italy", was a great place to work. Funny thing, then F/F Sal Cassano, now Fire Commissioner Sal Cassano, & I worked together my last year or so on the job. Nice to see one of the "Good guys" make it so large.

Received the Newsletter yesterday & was very sorry to read about my old friend, Larry Monachelli, passing. While I was President of the HNS (1971-1973) he could always be relied on to come up with the right circumstance at the right time. God Bless him & his family.

I was delegated to be the H.N.S. Company Delegate of Eng-55, in 1955, when the former Delegate, Bill Lanigan, transferred out. What followed & really got me involved with the HNS was a request for volunteers from the Society President at that time, Joe Reilly, to move the remains of Mother St. Cabrini from her resting place in an Alter at Mother Cabrini High School, up in Washington Heights. The move was to another larger location on those grounds. Man, was that casket heavy. It was almost entirely of glass & she looked the same lying there as I'm sure she looked the day she was interred. The move had to be made because of the crowds visiting her due to the popularity of her Canonization several years previously. That was a remarkable day in 1957. I wasn't really very Catholic at the time. Naïveté comes to mind. But, that day did change me a bit.

Walt, are there any Past Presidents of the HNS still around? I know there were a few after me and Joe Bryant has been leading the charge for these many years. Lil Byrne told me her husband Joe passed a few years ago and I believe his 2 F/F brothers also. One of my proudest days was the day I was elected, "President Emeritus", of the Man. Bx. & Rich. HNS. For me, that was quite an honor. The HNS had a great bunch of guys in it, I know you still have them. If any of my old friends/acquaintances would like to get in touch I'm at.....(Mickaye55@Verizon.net) Wm. P. (Mickey) Collis Stafford, Va. 22405

Please remember to pray for our troops.

If you have a joke, story or want to contact an old friend, give Walt Whitmore a call (914) 779-1826 . 126 Windermere Drive, Yonkers, New York 10710 or wpwhitmore126@gmail.com .

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Presidents Message

I would like to wish you & your loved ones a very peaceful & calm New Year. The past year was anything but calm. Let us keep all who were affected by the storm Sandy in our prayers. Pray that they will receive peace & the grace to continue to rebuild there lives day by day because it will be a long journey. Let us also remember our members who need financial support this spring when we receive that refund from the IRS. The **Uniformed Firefighters Association** has set up **The New York City Firefighters Disaster Relief Fund Inc. & the Uniformed Fire Officers** have set up **The Bravest Disaster Relief Fund to assist our members.**

A reminder to our members who have children eligible to take our High School Scholarship Test next December that in addition to our regular scholarships we now offer the Vincent A. McCarthy Scholarship which is \$2,000.00 for a child entering High School. (Public, Private or Catholic) As with all our Scholarships you have to be a member in good standing. If you have any doubt, about your standing, give me a shout by phone, e-mail or by our web site.

Our Higher Education Scholarship will be drawn during our Annual Communion Breakfast which will be held this coming this April 7th. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10:15 am & the Breakfast will follow at the New York Hilton Hotel. Members must be present at the breakfast to be eligible for the drawing.

Retired members' dues letter was mailed out this past December & our active members will be mailed out at the end of February. Our active members can now pay their dues on line via payroll deduction. Active members now have the option to pay their dues by payroll deduction, by mail or by company delegate whatever method is convenient for you. If you move, transfer, or retire & all new members paying by payroll deduction please go to our web site & click on contact us & give us your name address, phone number, unit & other information that has changed so we can update out records.

We still are in need of new members for our board positions. So 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 just give me a shout. Have a safe winter and a warm spring. -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, call Joe Bryant (516)775-5120. Or you can 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, 2013**

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 toady for a follow up medical now!

FRIENDS OF FIREFIGHTERS

Friends of Firefighters is located at 199 Van Brunt Street in Red Hook Brooklyn. They have vans that are available to transport members to their doctor Apointments and hospital visits. If you need a ride give them a call. They are also in need of drivers to drive these vans. If you have some time and would like to volunteer give them a call at 718-643-0980 or go to their web site: **www.friendsoffirefighters.org**. If you cannot volunteer you can always send them a donation.