



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

“Newsletter”

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St. Frances de Chantal Parish

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Dear Member,

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your loved ones! Our first Monthly Mass and Meeting of 2017 will be occur on

Sunday, JANUARY 15th

*(This month, we celebrate Holy Name Sunday on the **THIRD** Sunday, not the customary second Sunday of the month.)*

Mass will be celebrated at **8:30 am**. All are invited to attend. Our **Monthly Breakfast Meeting** will occur right after mass in the Parish Hall ([Harding Ave, about 9:30am](#)). Come one, Come all! Coffee, juice, rolls and buns will be served. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners! Feel free to bring a friend, too! See you Sunday!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING! – was terrific! Altogether about 70 people attended our breakfast meeting! The Sisters of Life were our special guests. It was great to have them! *(They had to leave to make the 10am mass that day.)* This was our special December Christmas meeting! A hot breakfast of eggs, bacon, French toast, rolls, bagels and buns (along with coffee, tea and hot chocolate) was served up amid the festivity of the Advent and Christmas season. We conducted a beautiful **Advent Wreath** service before the main breakfast. The sisters (novices) introduced themselves. It is wonderful to have them in our parish. We continue to pray for them as they discern their vocations. After a few abbreviated reports, the entire membership rejoiced in singing many Christmas Carols before our meeting ended. Many thanks are extended to our officers, under the leadership of President **John Mullane**, and to **John Ward, John Connolly, Sean Mota** and **George Pesco** for a memorable meeting. Several attending won prizes along with our 50/50. Thanks to **Jack Murphy** for his donations of the gifts in our raffle. And the Breakfast Committee did a great job too in setting up beforehand and running the breakfast!

“BLOOD DRIVE”: Our **Parish Christmas Blood Drive** occurred on Sunday, **DECEMBER 11th**. Altogether, 68 units of blood were collected! Blood Drive Chairman **Jack McCarrick** will have more information at Sunday's Holy Name Meeting.

Sick & Vigil: If you know anyone who is sick, please let any of our officers know.

“Three Kings Celebration” (‘El Dia de Reyes’) will be held during and after the 1pm Mass on Sunday, Jan 8th. All are invited to attend.

Parish Coat Drive: -will be held on the weekend of January 14th and 15th (Saturday and Sunday). We are accepting Coats only for this drive. The Young Teen Group will coordinate this event by receiving the packages (of coats) and packing them. Please see this week's Bulletin for more information!

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NOCTURNAL ADORATION: Our January Adoration is occurring at this writing, the evening of First Friday, **January 6th**. (Next month's adoration will be on Friday, February 3rd.)

Changes to our monthly schedule of Nocturnal Adoration are still being evaluated. More details will be announced as soon as decisions are made. Until then, we are continuing as normal.

As usual, in the event of severe weather during the winter months, you may always phone the Rectory (718-792-5500) to find out if Nocturnal Adoration is canceled.

We are thankful to **Bernadette O'Hara** and **Jack McCarrick** for having temporarily taken over the responsibilities of printing, addressing and mailing the monthly postcard reminders. Also, **Barney Reilly** has been collecting the monthly donations for us! In addition, **Pat Dettmer** has stepped in as 'interim President' of the Nocturnal Adoration Society. **Sean Mota** and **Leo Gonzales** have been in charge of set up before the 8pm mass each First Friday.

"DUES": our Treasurer, **George Pesco**, reminds us that dues are in order for the year 2017. If you can pay it, it's only \$5 for the entire year. Please see George at Sunday's meeting.

COMING!! "**Irish and Italian Night**"! Friday evening, March 10th. A Dance and Dinner for the Parish in commemoration of the two Saints whose feast days are just two days apart. It's one of the many ways in which our parish will be celebrating our 90 ANNIVERSARY! More details in the coming weeks. Check our parish bulletin and next month's newsletter for information

DON'T FORGET: Our new parish website is WWW.SFDCHANTAL.ORG ! Please visit it to see the latest information about our parish. It is evolving and growing. Let us know what you think!

This month.....

On January 6th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Epiphany**. This feast commemorates the '*shining forth*', or manifestation of Christ to the world. (The word '*epiphany*' is Greek in origin and means '*to reveal*'.) When the Magi visited the baby Jesus, that event symbolized that Christ came to the entire world. The young Messiah is revealed as the Light of the nations. Let us go forth ourselves this year and '*shine forth*' with the Light of Christ in our hearts.



BLESSED BE GOD, BLESSED BE HIS HOLY NAME"

Yours in Christ, **John Mullane** (President), **John Ward** (Vice president),
John Connolly, Sean Mota (Secretaries), **George Pesco** (Treasurer)