



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

“Newsletter”

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St. Frances de Chantal Parish

190 Hollywood Avenue Bronx, New York 10465

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Dear Member,

HELLO TO ALL ! Our next Monthly Mass and Meeting will be on

Sunday, MARCH 26th

At our February meeting, we decided to have **ONE** meeting for both MARCH and APRIL. This is because of the activity in early March on Sundays (Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Parade, etc) and also because of Palm Sunday and Easter in the first half of April. Mass will be celebrated at **8:30 am**. All are invited to attend.

**** NOTE **** For the first time ever, our **Monthly Breakfast Meeting** will occur right after mass downstairs in the church in **DeChantal Hall** ! This will be at about 9:30am. Coffee, juice, rolls and buns will be served to whet your appetite. A very interesting business meeting will take place. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners! Feel free to bring a friend, too! See you Sunday!

(Setup on Saturday: *We shall set up on Saturday morning, March 25th, at 10:30am for the Holy Name breakfast. If you would like to help, please come to the school cafeteria. We will need to bring our supplies from the school cafeteria to the lower church.*)

“ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH DANCE”! – This event, which occurred on Friday evening, **March 10th**, was a great success. **200 parishioners** attended this gala affair. It was held in **“De Chantal Hall”** (*lower church*). This was one of several events this year that commemorate our Parish 90th Anniversary. This event was coordinated by our **Holy Name Society**. President **John Mullane** was the chairman and his hard-working committee included: *Jim Corbett, Sean Mota, John Mullane, Donna McVey, Nancy Carfora, Msgr. John Graham, Marianne Hughes, Bernadette O'Hara, Maria Brogli, Liz Castagna, Frank Reale, Jack McCarrick, John Ward, Giusto Gorkic, Bill Grieco, Paula Mullane, Karen Rasmussen, George Pesco, Barney Reilly, Ann Reilly, Peggy McKeegan*. Please see our Pastor's article in the Parish Bulletin for more details. Many thanks to all who came!

ANNUAL PARISH MEN'S RETREAT: Our annual retreat for the Men of St. Frances de Chantal will be the weekend of **April 28th** (Friday evening) to **April 30th** (Sunday afternoon). It will be held at the **Bishop Molloy Retreat House** (86-45 Edgerton Blvd, Jamaica Estates in Queens), a quick 15 minute ride from Throggs Neck. The Passionists run the retreat program there – Fr. John Lee is Retreat Director, Fr. Michael Greene is Assistant Director. This year's retreat weekend theme is *“We are a People of Promise!”*. Why not take some time for yourself? Spend 36 hours of your time to rest, to pray and to experience the goodness and joy that friendship with God brings. We can carpool for any man needing a ride. If you can't make the entire weekend, you are invited to come for just the full day on Saturday. The suggested cost of a full weekend is \$210, however, if you are one who really **NEEDS** a retreat, please do not let the cost stop you from coming. The Retreat Committee will have more information at Sunday's meeting. You can also visit the Retreat website at <http://bishopmolloy.org> for information.

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NOCTURNAL ADORATION: Our March Adoration was conducted with our new schedule: Adoration terminating at the end of the 11pm hour (midnight). This will be the same schedule for Nocturnal Adoration of First Friday, April 7th.)

We are planning to change the time of the First Friday evening mass from 8:00 pm to 7:00pm. This will allow an extra hour for Nocturnal Adoration between the hours of 7:00pm and 12 midnight. This schedule change **WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL MAY 2017.**

Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is a privilege for the members of our parish. ANYONE is invited to come to any of the hours of adoration. The first hour includes Mass and the remainder of that hour is spent in adoration. Each successive hour consists of both vocal and silent prayer. The 10pm Hour is the Spanish speaking hour. Come spend some Lenten meditation time this coming First Friday, April 7th, at Nocturnal Adoration!

PARISH SPRING BLOOD DRIVE is coming!

It is scheduled for **Sunday, May 14th**, which happens to be Mother's Day. We shall dedicate this drive to all the Mothers in our lives, for what they mean to us – both living and deceased. More information will be mentioned at this Sunday's meeting. **ALSO:** We shall conduct this coming blood drive, for the first time ever, in **De Chantal Hall** (lower church facilities).

ANNUAL HOLY HOUR: ARCHDIOCESAN UNION OF THE HOLY NAME:

St Frances de Chantal will be the hosting parish for this annual religious and social event for all Holy Name Societies in the New York Archdiocese. It will be on **Sunday, May 21st** at 3:00pm (*possibly 3:30pm*) in our church. Our own Pastor, **Msgr. John Graham**, will be the host celebrant for this expression of our love for the Holy Name of Jesus. All our Holy Name members and friends are cordially invited to take part. Our Holy Name Society here in St. Frances is sponsoring this afternoon event and will have refreshments afterwards in De Chantal Hall. Some members across our Archdiocese will be honored with special awards at this occasion. We look forward to seeing other Holy Name members as our guests! Our church affords easy access, both upstairs, and downstairs (via the parking lot) for anyone requiring. More details at Sundays meeting. Volunteers to help coordinate the Holy Hour are requested.

Upcoming Items.....

- We will plan our annual Holy Name Raffle. Our officers will talk about this on Sunday
- Nominations and Elections is a topic to discuss
- Outcome of our recent St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance will be discussed
- Scheduling the annual HNS Dinner

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)