



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, APRIL 23rd

We are continuing with our ‘irregular’ schedule of meetings for March and April (due to March weekend activities and the dates for Palm Sunday and Easter).

Mass will be celebrated at **8:30 am**. All are invited to attend.

**** NOTE **** As with our last meeting, our **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, April 22nd, at 10:00am for the Holy Name breakfast. If you would like to help, please come to the **lower church**. All our set up materials are already in De Chantal Hall.)*

ANNUAL PARISH MEN’S RETREAT: If you wish to attend the Annual Parish Men’s Retreat, see one of our officers or contact Jack McCarrick (718 597-6327). It will be the weekend of April 28-29-30 at the **Bishop Molloy Retreat House** (86-45 Edgerton Blvd, Jamaica Estates in Queens). We had such beautiful and moving Holy Week and Easter services – why not extend your experience at the Men’s Retreat? Several of our parishioners have already made their reservations, why not you? 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. The Retreat Committee will have more information at Sunday’s meeting. You can also visit the Retreat website at <http://bishopmolloy.org> for information.

PARISH SPRING BLOOD DRIVE: will be held on **Sunday, May 14th** in De Chantal Hall, 9am to 3pm. Yes – this is Mother’s Day! We invite parishioners to give blood in commemoration the Mothers in our lives. Let us give blood in honor of the women – living and deceased – who nurtured us, raised us and loved us. That love can be extended by donating blood, as it will help save lives this season. Jack McCarrick will ask for volunteers to help with the Blood Drive at Sunday’s Holy Name meeting. You can sign up people after mass, make some reminder phone calls prior to the drive or help at the drive itself.

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SICK & VIGIL: We are saddened to announce the passing of **ANTHONY PICORELLI** on March 27th. **Anthony Picorelli** was called home to God suddenly last month. Anthony is a past President of the St Frances de Chantal Holy Name Society, having served as a faithful officer and devout member. He was also a member of the parish Nocturnal Adoration Society, faithfully attending the 5am hour for many years! Tony was also a Third Order Franciscan, which in itself is a holy privilege. All in all, he was a devout Catholic, a man truly imbedded in his faith. We extend our condolences and prayers to his wife, Cynthia at this time and to his entire family. Members attended his wake and funeral. May God Bless you and keep you, Tony! Rest in Peace – Amen!

NOCTURNAL ADORATION: On First Friday, May 7th, our monthly Nocturnal Adoration will start with the **7:00 PM MASS**. (*The 8pm mass is being moved up to 7pm, to allow for an extra hour of adoration during the night.*) Thus, the hours of adoration will be: **7pm** (including Mass), **8pm, 9pm, 10pm and 11pm** (**ending at midnight**). 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.) All are invited to attend any hour of adoration during the evening. Adoration is held in Our Lady's Chapel, near the vestibule.

ANNUAL HNS HOLY HOUR: SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

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.

NOMINATIONS OF NEW OFFICERS: is in order. This will take place at this Sunday's meeting.

ANNUAL HOLY NAME DINNER: will be held on an evening in mid-June. Discussion of this matter will occur at our meeting.

HOLY NAME ANNUAL RAFFLE: will be run this month and next month. Details will be outlined by our officers.

"A VERY HAPPY AND JOYOUS EASTER TO ALL!"

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)