

St. Amelia Holy Name News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently I came across some very surprising statistics which I would like to share with you. Did you know that by the time you are 70 years old, you will have spent 23 years of your life sleeping? Most people never realize this, but during 70 years of life, we spend 11 years working, 8 years playing, 6 years eating, 5 ½ years grooming ourselves, 3 years being educated and only ½ of a year worshipping God.

God appears to be last among our priorities. Maybe this is the reason we sense, that times like these, times of change, threaten our security and stability. One of the most useful ways to overcome this feeling, to retain one's stability and religious sanity, is through a period of reflection, of thinking and praying. So please consider spending just a little more time worshipping God. Maybe you can ask him to give us leadership, locally and nationally, that can help us through these tough times.

On another note, I would like to thank Joe Hayek for doing an outstanding job at October's Holy Name Sunday Mass, in which the Holy Name honored all of the St. Amelia student athletes in attendance. It was a wonderful presentation to all of the student athletes that represent not only the school, but the entire parish. I would also like to congratulate and thank the athletes for their hard work and dedication.

Remember, this is Membership Month. If you haven't already done so, be sure to renew your membership and please consider bringing a friend, neighbor or family member to our next meeting. They might be interested in joining. And if you are not a Holy Name member, come on down to one of our meetings and see what we are all about. You could decide after a meeting or two if you would like to join. We would surely like to meet you.

Respectfully yours,
Joe Millemaci, 2016 President

NOVEMBER EMMAUS PROGRAM FR. LEON RETURNS

On Saturday, November 12, Fr. Leon Biernat, one of the most popular and dearly loved parochial vicars of the many to serve at St. Amelia, will return to address the EMMAUS Men's Spirituality Program. The morning begins at 8:30 a.m. in the rectory basement meeting room with a continental breakfast, followed by petitions, prayer, song and our speaker at about 9:10 a.m.

Fr. Leon, currently the pastor of St. Gregory the Great parish, the largest diocesan parish, had a varied career after leaving St. Amelia's. In 1999, he was named Diocesan Director of Vocations, was vice president of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation directors from 2005 to 2007, and established the St. Joseph Club for high school men contemplating a call to the priesthood. He established the Diocesan Altar Server of the Year Award in its present form. His constant focus on youth led to many awards, the Joseph Allen Award from the Town of Tonawanda in 1999, the Serra Club's Blessed Junipero Serra Award in 2002 and the Pro Vita Award in 2013 from the Buffalo Diocese for his work in promoting the Sanctity of Human Life. Most recently, in October, 2015, he received a papal honor, being named a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher. The award was received in New York City and presented by Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

All men, especially all the young men to whom he has devoted his priesthood, are invited to attend and spend their morning with Fr. Leon.

NIGHT OF THE TWO HEARTS

The elections are coming and this country needs all the help that it can get. Spending an hour at Night of the Two Hearts will be a great opportunity to pray for help, 8:00 p.m. Friday (11/4) to Saturday 8:00 a.m. (11/5)

Sounds like a plan to me. (See the Church Bulletin for details.)

YOU ARE INVITED TO ENJOY A FREE FAMILY BREAKFAST

You, yes you, the one reading the Holy Name News... you're invited. Invited to what? You might ask. Well, that's easy. You're invited to join the Holy Name and the St. Amelia family at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on November 13, and for a coffee and donut social in the cafeteria following the Mass. All members of the parish family are welcome. The Holy Name celebrates Mass together every 2nd Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Holy Name Members and their families are encouraged to sit in the reserved pews on the right hand side of the center aisle.

PRIME RIB DINNER

The 15th Annual Prime Rib Dinner will be on Saturday, November 5, after the 4:30 Mass in the Don Miller Hall. There will be music following an awards ceremony for stewardship and altar serving. There will be a cash bar. **TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND SOLD ONLY PRESALE!!!!**

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER NOVEMBER 4.

\$10 per person/children under 12, \$8

Table reservations minimum 10 people. Call the rectory at 836-0011, Red and Mo Traina Jr. at 838-4487, Joe Millemaci at 864-7113, or any other board member for tickets.

PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

It doesn't matter whether you are Democrat or republican, I think we can all take a moment out of our busy day to say the prayer below...say it like our lives depend on it.

Dear Beloved God in Heaven, Please give us a president who loves this country and everything it stands for. Please give us a president who respects You and loves You as the one true God. Please give us a president who will, with Your help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way You created her. Please help us to respect what You have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again. Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without. May our eyes and hearts of understanding be opened. All glory to God, In Jesus' name, Amen

HOLY NAME DIOCESAN NEWS

I would like to invite everyone from St. Amelia's to our Annual Healing Mass at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston. The date is Sunday, November 20, at 1:30 p.m. The main celebrant will be Rev. Paul P. Sabo, Moderator of the Diocesan Holy Name Society. After Mass, there will be the Anointing of the Sick, which is one of our seven sacraments. This is open to men, women and children. The Christmas Lights will be lit at 5:00 p.m. The cafeteria and gift shop will be open. I hope to see you there.

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us.

Sincerely,
Doug Burger, District 10 Chairman

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This month's Letter from the Editor is a repeat, but one I thought would be worth sharing again. With National Anthem protests, the upcoming Presidential election, and everything else going on in our country, an uplifting story is much needed.

The following is in honor of every man and woman who has served or is still serving our great country...it is a small gesture for their great sacrifice. The following is a recollection from Senator John McCain in regards to the Pledge of Allegiance. I found it very appropriate and thought that November, the month we celebrate Veteran's Day, was a great time to share it with the readers of the Holy Name News.

As you may know, I spent 5 1/2 years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room. This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POW's 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed. As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home.

In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing. Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it. That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to Pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world. You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Thank you to all of the men and women who have served our country and those who continue to do so. My family and I thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. God Bless you all!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 1 - Holy Name General Membership Meeting- 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 5 - Holy Name Society 15th Annual Prime Rib Dinner - Don Miller Hall - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 6 - First Responders Appreciation Breakfast, school cafeteria- 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 13 - Holy Name Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass with Coffee and Donut Social in the School Cafeteria, after Mass

Sunday, November 20 - Healing Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. Mass at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6 - Holy Name General Membership Meeting- School Cafeteria - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 11 - Holy Name Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass with Coffee and Donut Social in the School Cafeteria, after Mass

Saturday, January 14, 2017 - President's Dinner Dance - St. Amelia School Gymnasium

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 4, 2016



Program - The guest speaker for our October meeting was Melissa from 12 Gates Brewing Company, 80 Earhart Drive in Williamsville. Melissa told us all about their new brewery in Williamsville and let us sample some of their beers including their West Coast IPA, the Dunkelweizen and a Cherry Vanilla Wheat. The program was very informative and tasty.

Menu - The menu for October featured an Oktoberfest flare. We had several types of German sausage and other German food provided by our good friend, Pete Sinclair from Schnitzel & Co, Swiss German Pub. We also provided beer, wine, pop, chips, pretzels, etc.

Split Club - Gary Finley - \$24.00

Membership Raffle - \$25 Gift Certificate to Rizzo's Restaurant, the winner needs to be present to win. Richard Gradwohl was not present, therefore he lost out on the \$25 gift certificate

November 1, 2016

Program - The program for the November meeting has yet to be determined.

Menu - The menu for the November meeting will feature a Thanksgiving theme with turkey roll-ups and all the trimmings. We will also provide beer, wine, pop, chips, pretzels, etc.

Split Club - Amount based on tickets purchased that evening

ARTICLES IN THE HOLY NAME NEWS

The Holy Name News is a tool for all organizations of the parish and the St. Amelia community to read and use. If you are involved with another organization that would like to publicize an event or honor an individual or group, please feel free to submit articles to be featured in this publication. Articles can be submitted by e-mail to: pjoanrahan@aol.com (Microsoft word) with Holy Name News in the subject field or by sending them to the rectory ATTN: Holy Name News Editor.

The following are the publication dates and the corresponding deadlines to have your article appear in that issue.

ISSUE	DISTRIBUTION DATE	DEADLINE
December	12/03/2016 & 12/04/2016	11/18/2016
January	12/31/2016 & 01/01/2017	12/16/2016

If there are any changes, they will be made available to you in plenty of time and updated in this newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS PRESIDENT'S DINNER DANCE

January 14, 2017

St. Amelia School gymnasium immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass

ADVERTISING IN THE HOLY NAME NEWS

If you are interested in advertising in the Holy Name News, please see the list of different packages below and determine which is right for your business. Then call P.J. O'Hanrahan at 831-5620 to start your advertising.

Bronze package - \$100.00

One ad on the last page of our publication for ten months - September '16 thru June '17. Size determined by the number of ads sold.

Silver Package - \$150.00

One ad on the last page of our publication for ten months - September '16 thru June '17. Size determined by the number of ads sold. PLUS - Business Card size ads placed in the body of our publication two times in the 10 month time frame indicated above.

Gold Package - \$200.00

One ad on the last page of our publication for ten months - September '16 thru June '17. Size determined by the number of ads sold. PLUS - Business Card size ads placed in the body of our publication four times in the 10 month time frame indicated above.

Platinum Package - \$250.00

One ad on the last page of our publication for ten months - September '16 thru June '17. Size determined by the number of ads sold. PLUS - Business Card size ads placed in the body of our publication four times in the 10 month time frame indicated above. PLUS - A half page ad in our President's Dinner Dance Program (event in January of 2017) plus an ad in any other advertising promotion we do. (For example, placemats for breakfasts or dinners, coffee and donuts Sunday, concerts)

PUZZLE CORNER

The Puzzle Corner is BACK!!!! We are sorry it has not been in the Holy Name news the past few months, but limited due to limited space, we were unable to put it in. We hope you enjoy this month's edition.

Please look at the following 10 clues and determine what band or singer we are referring to. We have some old and some new so this will truly be a family event. But there's a twist...each of these clues will have Biblical references. Please take a look at the example to see how the game is played.

EXAMPLE: 1st chapter of a "Good Book" = Genesis

- 1) Two gospel writer's (not L & J)
- 2) The Baptist's period of anticipation for the arrival of Jesus
- 3) Question asked to see if Eliab's parent was prepared
- 4) A denier and the most popular angel
- 5) An important apostle, a letter writer and a prostitute
- 6) Steal from a doubter
- 7) What the Mt. of Olives might be called
- 8) Eden was not this until the snake arrived
- 9) Those to be honored based on the 5th commandment
- 10) The Apostles author this?

Anyone who responds will have a chance to win. Each correct answer after that will give you another chance to win the Puzzle Corner Prize which is a \$20.00 gift certificate to the Gallery Grill. Please e-mail your answers to pjohanrahan@aol.com (with Puzzle Corner in the subject field) or mail it to St. Amelia Holy Name, 210 St. Amelia Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150, and Attn: Holy Name News Editor. Entries must be received no later than November 18, 2016. The winner will be selected at random from all correct answers and will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate to the Grill @ The Dome. . If you win, please allow up to two weeks for delivery of the gift certificate

For sponsoring our Puzzle Corner, the Grill at the Dome is able to place a coupon here in our publication.



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It is that time of year again when nominations are made for the board of directors. The nominating committee will provide a list of candidates for the board. Nominations may also be made from the floor on the night of elections. Nominations may not be submitted without the approval and consent of the nominee. A member may nominate himself.

Nominations may not be accepted for the positions of president, vice president, advisor or moderator. Those positions are filled by constitutional procedures


Elections are made to the position of board member. After the elections, board members will be assigned certain responsibilities, such as treasurer or secretary, in accord with the board member's preference and capabilities.

SUPER ADVERTISING

Are you looking to increase the return on your advertising dollar? Are you looking to reach more people? How would you like to have a coupon or business card placed here for the readers of the Holy Name News to see more clearly, just like the one below? Well, you can. The Holy Name has successfully created a marketing plan that allows local businesses to do just that. Local businesses have sponsored one or more of our General Membership Meetings in exchange for the right to have their coupons or business cards placed in this publication. The results have been staggering. Local businesses have seen a great response from the readers of this publication and have enjoyed increases in their business because of the coupons or business ads. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact P.J. O'Hanrahan at 831-5620 or any other Holy Name Board Member or read the back page of this newsletter for more advertising options. We are now filling spots for 2017.

Joe Millemaci from The Policy Makers Inc. Insurance is sponsoring our November General Membership Meeting. As a way to thank Joe and The Policy Makers for sponsoring our meeting, we have highlighted his business ad here. You can also find his ad in the church bulletin and in the advertising sections of the Holy Name News. Please support Joe Millemaci and The Policy Makers and future sponsors of our Holy Name General Membership meetings. Also, please consider sponsoring a Holy Name General Membership Meeting if you have the capability to do so. And soon, you will see your company's coupon or business ad here.

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JOSEPH P. MILLEMACI

Over the course of the last few years, we have tried to get advertisers to sponsor our General Membership meetings in return for this spot in our newsletter. We have forgotten to thank those that have advertised in the Holy Name News for years. We sincerely apologize. Please note that you do not need to be a restaurant in order to participate. Landscapers, plumbers, chiropractors, dentist, insurance salesman, etc., are all welcome.

Readers of this newsletter, please remember to patronize the businesses that advertise in the Holy Name News. Without their support, this publication would not exist.


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