

ST. PETERS HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
ST. PETERS CHURCH  
133 NORTH STATE STREET  
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The Holy Name Society is a society for catholic men. It is one of the oldest Confraternities in the Church, and its beginnings can be traced back to the thirteenth century.

There is always need of this organization dedicated to the honor of God; and especially is this true today when unbelief, atheism, and immoral literature are so rampant.

The primary objective of the Holy Name Society is the personal santification of its members by acts of love and devotion to the Most Holy Name. This spiritual life of its members is a perpetual act of reverence and love.

Spiritual advantages of the Holy Name Society for its members are 1. It gives a better knowledge of Christ and Christianity. Holy Name men through their meetings, discussions, rallies, lectures, sermons, make the Gospel and Christ better know among their membership; 2. Through their meetings, entertainments, works of mutual helpfulness and charity, Catholic men become better acquainted and their social life is cultivated in a religious and wholesome atmosphere; and 3. The monthly confession and Communion, the tridua and retreats, make the Holy Name men a better, more practical and courageous Catholic.

Some of the advantages of the Society are 1. It promotes the cause of religion in general by its public profession of faith in Christ, and its public protest against erreligious and immoral speech and literature; 2. Drawing its members from all classes of men, the Holy Name Society is a proof of the Cathalicity and democracy of the church. Its a national and worldwide organization, it gives to local parish units a dignity, strength, and importance which they would not otherwise posses; 3. For the Parish the Society can be a tower of strength through the edification it gives to the other members of the parish, and through the help it offords the Pastor in various ways and activities; 4. Since the family and the home constitute the evenwark of society, a faithful Holy Name man by his good example to his domestic circle becomes one of the gretest assests of society at large.

In 1947 the Bishop of Manchester divided the city of Concord into two parishes, namely St. Peters and St. John the Evangelist, at which time St. Peters Holy Name Society was organized and Edward Kelly became its first president.

The Society meets the second Sunday of each month in the school hall at the corner of Walker and Bradley Streets for its regular monthly business meetings as well as it attends in a body at Mass at the 8:15 Mass to received Communion.

Its present president, Ludger N. Flamand is serving his second term as president as well as being the Society eleven president since it was formed in 1947. Rev. John Horgan is the Spiritual Director with the Rt. Rev. Msqr. Francis Sliney the Pastor of St. Peters Church at 133 North State St. between Franklin and Church St. on the west side of the street.

Aside of its Spiritual obligations and assisting the Pastor as necessary it holds a Christmas party for the children of the Parish annually as well as it rewards to a boy graduating from the eighty grade of St. Peter School a pledge and certificate in recognition of General Excellance in the field of academic achievement, sportsmanship and scholastic activities.

St. Peters Holy Name Society is a member of the Disoceasn Union of Holy Name Societies with its headquarters in Manchester where its annually meeting are held in May of each year and quartely meeting held throughout the state. Its Spiritual Director is Rev. Thomas Hannigan, a formely Concord "boy"; its president is Richard Fortin of Manchester and its Vice-Presidents are John McAnnerney of Lebanon and Ludger N. Flamand of Concord and this parish.

The above was written and presented to Concord Bicentennial Committee by St. Peters Holy Name Society president, Ludger N. Flamand on this third day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and sixty five; and may the city of Concord grow and have many Centennial Celebrations as well as may the Holy Name Societies contnued to grow and get stronger with the years among our Catholic men as we keep Christ Name Holy.