

# *MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP*

## **MARANATHA, COME LORD JESUS, COME!**

*Sunday Greetings Family of HNOJ & HC:*

It is Saturday evening, and I am sitting in front of the computer screen working feverishly to get this Laptop banged out so that I can have Sunday evening free to visit with a family for dinner. I am listening to a play back from EWTN Radio from this past Thursday's call in program with Fr. Larry Richards as my background sound. He handled a good number of callers who had questions regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and it got me thinking; where have all the numbers gone???? Back in my younger days, the lines were significant and the satisfaction of offering spiritual guidance and sacramental healing via the forgiveness of sins was gratifying. It was certainly very draining emotionally and psychologically to be always on cue to each person's needs as the hours ticked on. Right now, we are advancing through the season of Advent. We have entered into the secondary message of the season which directs our focus toward the events that led up to the Incarnation. Christmas is just a few days away and I want to help you prepare for the best Christmas that you could celebrate given this year of cancelled celebrations all around.

**What, do you ask, can I give you that will make your Christmas celebration extra special this year? Well, I want to point out that this Monday, throughout the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, is the Advent Reconciliation Day. What this means that, if you travel anywhere around these two dioceses on Monday, between the hours of 4:00 till 8:00pm, you would be able to approach any Catholic church and there would be priests available to hear your confession and offer absolution for the sins committed. Why not treat yourself, along with the rest of your family, to a wonderful "pre-Christmas gift" of God's grace via Reconciliation that will make the rest of Advent and the season of Christmas much brighter and peaceful.**

At Holy Name of Jesus and Holy Cross I along with Fr. Chris Argano and Fr. Nicholas Blackwell, O. Carm will be splitting our time between the two parishes so that we can address the sacramental needs we hope you will take advantage of. I also hope that Bishop Colacicco may be able to pitch-in as well. Take the time to examine your conscience today and bring healing and forgiveness into your life this Monday evening.

## **MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS 2020**

### **HOLY CROSS**

**12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00pm 5:30pm & 11:00pm**

**12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00am**

### **HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

**12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00pm & 8:00pm**

**12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:45am**

That is all for now. **GO FORTH AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. MANY BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK!!!!**

*Fr. Mike*