

# *MESSAGE FROM THE LAP TOP*

## **LIVE JESUS IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER!**

A blessed **Day** to all:

WELCOME HOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It has been a while in coming but we are now back, albite with just a quarter of the total attendance we could possibly fit into HNOJ. But, it is a start. And it is so good that we are given this specific weekend since it is the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ or Corpus Christi as many of our senior members may remember it as. No matter, it has been a long three months since the good majority of you have been able to partake and savor the living Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. You have been surviving upon “Live Streamed” Mass and Spiritual Communion through the two most significant seasons in our Churches liturgical calendar. Bishop Dominick Lagonegro called me a few weeks ago just to check up and see how things were going here in Otisville. We chatted for several minutes and I commented to him that the vast majority of you never had an opportunity to view the Paschal Candle lit for the Easter season as I was able to when I celebrated our daily Masses. Well, hopefully that will be the one, and only time we will have to have that happen.

What a great reading we are given from the Old Testament today. From the Book of Deuteronomy, we are offered a snippet of the recollection Moses offered for the generation of Israelites that would be entering into the Promised Land of what God did for their predecessors as they were protected and fed via the gift of Manna, bread from Heaven, that kept them alive through the harshest conditions that could be imagined. Think about the “desert” that we have been going through with many services shut down, work from home, distance learning, sports and activities curtailed. What a desert it has been.

Today you, who waited for this day to come, can now savor the true Bread of Life as you move from Spiritual Communion to the real deal. I pray that you who came and joined in Mass for the first time in a long while can put up with all the necessary safety measures that have been put into place in the church for your safety and just savor this Food from Heaven. For those who are hesitant to come back right now, we all are praying for you that, when things are better and you can feel safe and return that you will have a deep hunger for the Eucharist that is being sustained “spiritually” for now.

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

*Fr. Mike*