

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

This weekend of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time affords us a long weekend with the celebration of Columbus Day and the Monday holiday that comes with it. This weekend also affords both parishes activities that have been in the planning stages for a while. Cider-5 & Fall Festival @ HC & Parish Yard Sale with a re-visit to Sausage & Pepper land help to bring us into the full spirit of Fall. As I produce this on Tuesday of this week, I can only speculate as to the outcome of all events and can just pray that God shall shine down graciously upon all the activities and allow them to come off with very little disruption.

I would like to pre-announce our parish gratitude to all the parties who have stepped up to the plate in the sponsorship and involvement at all the activities of this weekend. I do not wish to go into naming names that I may pass over anyone. I have been present, in some form, to planning sessions for the weekend's activities and appreciate all the hard work and time expounded upon these Fall events. With all that has befallen us because of Covid restrictions, it is certainly a breath of fresh air to having activity and life coming forth once again from the core of our parishes. **Thank You One and All.**

Speaking of Life, I was able to get to the Life Chain sites for both HC & HNOJ. I was deeply impressed at the representation from both parishes and for the willingness to stand in silent witness on behalf of the defenseless unborn children in the womb. It is not easy to stand for an hour and half on a busy throughfare and be subject to conflicting "gestures" of support and objection. But we only have to look to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, from the pages of Sacred Scripture and we can experience an understanding that Jesus knew the experience of favor and disfavor to His Mission and Ministry. Jesus continued to forge ahead with the mission He had been given to bring to the world. With all the undoing of legislative protections that were instituted by the last administration, we who hold to the sanctity of life in all its stages, **CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH**, need the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit to continue to be strong and **PUSH BACK** to the best of our abilities and not allow the **ADMINISTRATION OF DEATH** to have its way at all junctures. I pray that you have taken past requests from this column to keep updated via various Church circles to receive the **ACTION REQUESTS** as they are needed.

Speaking of "**ACTION**" that could use our support, right now, **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is taking place all across the United States. The Archdiocese of New York is inviting participation at locations in the boroughs and upper counties. There is a location near to our parishes in Goshen that is sponsored by Planned Parenthood where abortions are performed now on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I have asked Kevin Walsh to arrange that we from HNOJ & HC could stand in silent prayer on the last Wednesday of this month from 4:00 till 6:00pm. I would ask that you mark your daybooks now for this last Wednesday and join me down in Goshen. Information as to the location will be forthcoming in the next week. Maybe, just maybe, an unborn life can be saved under our watch that day.

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

Fr. Mike