

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

As I was at the Altar, offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass last Sunday at 11 am, I elevated the Host after speaking the Words of Jesus, and through the silent viewing of adoration by the family faithful, I heard the voice of a very young child question mom, "What's that?" I felt like responding back, "This is Jesus, and I would like you to meet Him." I know that I could not do that right then and there; it would certainly have been very out of character for the celebration of the Mass. But I did make a mental note to offer a prayer for the family of that child that they could introduce their child to Jesus as only a family of Catholic faith could.

A few weeks ago, I had the wonderful opportunity to be present at a lecture that was offered at St. Joseph's Seminary by Dr. Scott Hahn, a convert from the Presbyterian faith and former Presbyterian minister, who is probably one of the best known Scripture scholars of our present time. He has a prolific repertoire of scholarly, theological works that cover many aspects of scripture, sacraments, theology, and faith. Dr. Hahn was tasked to give a lecture on the person of St. Joseph & The Eucharist in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary celebration of the Seminary and the Year of St. Joseph. I was enthralled to hear his voice as he began his lecture because I have encountered it so many times viewing various programs of his on EWTN. But to be in an actual setting with him sharing his vast knowledge of the Scriptures in regard to St. Joseph, which was not an easy task as there are no recorded dialogues ever offered by St. Joseph recorded in Sacred Scripture, was a gift. Dr. Hahn did an excellent job drawing from the sources that do present Joseph and the predicament that arises from Mary's acceptance of the angelic message-bearer who has revealed God's plan for her. Dr. Hahn was able to focus upon the "spiritual" fatherhood of Joseph and other parts of Sacred Scripture that gave subtle parallels foreshadowing the faithful fatherhood of Joseph the Silent.

Dr. Hahn, about midway through his lecture, had a wonderful transition to thoughts upon the Eucharist that evolved from the recent ordination of his fourth son to the priesthood and the power that sacrament had upon his appreciation of the Eucharist that was now able to be conected by his son. His ability to share such a personal connection with the Eucharist touched me so deeply to the core of my being as a priest. I just pray that each of you who reflect upon these words I share could feel the same mystical feelings as Dr. Hahn feels at the hands of his son. I am sad that the Seminary's website has removed the lecture as of my research at this point. I do hope it shall be offered through Dr. Hahn's St. Paul Institute. I will definitely procure it for our use in parish discussion when such time happens.

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, October 27, 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