

# MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

## **PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!**

*Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:*

**We are now coming upon the final Sundays in Ordinary Time.** The air around us is expressing the crisp feeling of Fall and the leaves are beginning to display their grandeur in the vibrant colors that make this time of year so special. What makes this time of year extra special, as well, is the unique cluster of Holy Days that will usher in the start of next month. I always relish this time of year. With the full force of Fall setting in--the shorter days and the approach of Daylight Savings Time, the smell of fireplaces permeating the air--these just add to the special nature of the two special days that shall soon be upon us. Of course, I am speaking of **ALL SAINTS DAY and ALL SOULS DAY**. There is an aura that surrounds these two special days in our Church's liturgical calendar which has always touched me so very vividly as a priest. Maybe it is the feeling of the presence of all the saints that gather around us at the altar as we offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each and every day, but most especially on their special day of November 1.

Equally special is the day that follows, November 2, **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls Day)**. This day, too, has its own unique and special aura surrounding it as well. It just might be that this particular time of the Fall season, when most of our surroundings are gray and lifeless, draws us closer to the altar as well to commemorate all our loved ones who have begun their journey home to the Lord and call to us to remember them during the month of **HOLY SOULS**. At Holy Name of Jesus and Holy Cross we will do just that. Special **ALL SOULS ENVELOPES** have been included in the packets that you received in the mail. Additional envelopes have been placed in the vestibules of both churches as well. Kindly place the names of your loved ones (you are not limited to the number that the envelopes provide for) upon your offering envelope and place in Sunday's collection basket when it comes around. You may drop them at the parish offices during regular hours as well. The offerings will be gathered and the envelopes bundled to be placed alongside the tabernacles of both churches for the month of November, but especially for the several days beginning November 2 when our Mass intentions shall be for all our beloved deceased.

**FYI**, November 1, **ALL SAINTS DAY**, falls on a Monday this year. That being the case, it falls under the directives that were voted upon by our nation's bishops as one of **THREE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION that lose the obligation factor if it falls on a Saturday or Monday**. It is still a Holy Day, but without the obligation this year. Still, the opportunity for Mass shall be offered as follows for you who wish to celebrate the Holy Day:

**HNOJ: 9:00am / HC: 7:00pm**

November 2, **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls Day)**, though not a Holy Day, tends to take on the appearance of one. The opportunity for attendance at Mass will be:

**HC: 9:00am / HNOJ: 7:00pm**

**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 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*