

# MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

## **PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST!**

*Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:*

I'm at the computer at my office at Holy Cross on this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time grateful for the assistance of Fr. Nick who is across the way offering the 11:00 Mass after celebrating Mass at Holy Name of Jesus. This has afforded me some flex time to take care of details such as working on this piece before the big snows forecasted to be coming hits. I am putting down thoughts as my fingers type and I am filled with such great joy at the experiences that I have just gone through the evening before. This new experience of the spiritual care of two parishes has certainly born fruit with what I have been privileged to participate in via the gift of priesthood. Both experiences evolved from the Sacrament of Reconciliation that allowed me to offer the Anointing of the Sick to a party that shall be undergoing serious surgery tomorrow for a non-malignant brain tumor, and I ask that you make it your part to offer prayers for this individual for these next several days.

The other experience evolved as I entered HNOJ to prepare for the 4:00 Mass. There was an individual already in church and looked intently at me as I crossed the vestibule. This party approached, asking about Reconciliation, to which I indicated I heard them the evening prior. But I could obviously see the party had been in tears waiting there in the church and I listened to God speaking through those tears and entered into a sacred encounter which brought me to recognize the true lie that the **PRO-DEATH FORCES FORCE FEED THE MEDIA AND SOCIETY THAT THERE IS NO SUFFERING THAT FOLLOWS THE TERMINATION OF AN UNBORN LIFE. BALONEY!!!! PLANNED PARENTHOOD, AND OTHER SIMILAR DEATH MILLS, HAVE NO MEANS OF FOLLOWING UP. THANK GOD WE HAVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, ALONG WITH OTHER PROGRAMS LIKE PROJECT RACHEL AND THE SISTERS OF LIFE HEALING RETREATS TO DIRECT INDIVIDUALS TOWARD.**

Please hear me out. I am not going "political" here but have been struck by the Holy Spirit with enlightenment in regard to this **YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH** that we are now in. These past two weeks have seen a flurry of activity coming from the Oval Office with Executive Order upon Executive Order. Some have been supported by our Church via the Bishops, but others have been highly refuted as they deal with, negatively, towards the sanctity of life and other elements of conscience and religious liberty protections that will be problematic going forward. True adherents of our Catholic beliefs certainly can get steamed and rant and rave about all this. But I truly feel we have been handed a gift from Pope Francis with this **YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH** and all the prayers and spiritual activities that will be coming at us to **PRAY FOR THE JOSEPH WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED TO LEAD US** that, interceding to St. Joseph, there can be a change of heart that will bring him back to the true nature of his Catholic faith which he says is a vital part to his life. I would propose that we could all use the season of Lent to **GO TO JOSEPH SEEKING HIS INTERCESSION ON BEHALF OF OUR JOSEPH AND THE NEW AWAKENING TO THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AND THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES THAT ARE THE HALLMARK OF OUR GREAT NATION.**

**One More Thing: At Holy Cross, I have extended Anna Marie a few more hours so that the office can be staffed 5 days a week. Hours now will be M thru Th: 9:00 – 5:00; Fri: 9:00 – 3:00. Since I reside @ HNOJ I felt the need to have office presence @ HC more in person rather than the phone for the later hours Thursday and all day Friday.**

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

*Fr. Mike*