

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN AS HE SAID, ALLELUIA!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

I wish to apologize for the lack of a Laptop for last week's bulletin. I just did not have the energy to put out following a remarkably busy Holy Week covering the two parishes for the first time. **I pray that you had the opportunity to share in some, if not all, of the liturgies of Holy Week from Office of Readings / Morning Prayer held at HNOJ through the Masses and Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.** All those who assisted in the liturgies, especially the Holy Cross Music Ministry members who took part in the Lamentations of Jerimiah and let me have a lighter load to carry than I have had in the past, were an added pleasure to the morning liturgy that fills the gap when no Mass can be offered on those three days. **I wish to express my gratitude, and the gratitude of the faithful of both parishes, for all the reverent effort that was exuded by our Servers, Lectors, Ushers, those who cleaned and decorated both churches, both parish staffs, the members of the K of C who directed the Easter Egg hunt, as well as anyone else that I may be missing right now.** I pray that you have been spiritually charged and revived from this year's return to church and now can move forward with greater church attendance.

As we begin to move forward with the Easter season, we shall be coming up to the celebration of the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. There shall be some preparatory events that will be taking place with the students for these sacraments in the weeks ahead. I want to encourage both parish families to begin to offer prayers for these students as they come down the home stretch from a very unusual year and a half of formation in the faith.

I want to continue highlighting the Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal as we journey into the Easter season. As of Friday, April 9 the reports for HNOJ & HC stood at: HNOJ was \$19,826.00 pledged by 54 families while HC was \$17,350.00 from 45 families. HNOJ is zeroing in on its \$22,500.00 goal while HC has been making up ground toward its goal of \$30,500.00. I would greatly encourage those who still have the mailings from the Archdiocese to take some time this week to prayerfully consider a pledge, a significant offering that may be the suggested gift recommended or a comparable gift that can be paid over a period of time. All families of HNOJ & HC join me in supporting this year's Appeal.

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

Fr. Mike