

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN AS HE SAID, ALLELUIA!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

This weekend affords us the opportunity to give recognition to all **OUR LOVING MOTHERS, LIVING AND DECEASED**, as your offering envelopes with their names upon them are now upon our altars for this beautiful month of May, **DEDICATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**. All the Mass intentions for this Sunday through next Saturday evening shall be offered for all whose names have been entrusted to us. I would like to encourage those who will be attending DAILY MASS @ HC during the month of May to plan to arrive ½ hour before the start of Mass to share in the Rosary. I do the same for those attending weekday Mass @ HNOJ on Monday & Friday.

I continue fuming this week over an item that hit me a few weeks ago. (**This piece I carry over for this week.**) First, I received **ALERT NOTICES** from two New York entities to seek assistance in reaching out to our elected officials on the state level to voice outrage about an Assembly Bill that was moved out of House to the Senate which would authorize the State Commissioner of Health to “investigate” (in reality, HARASS) Pregnancy Care Centers by requiring production of exorbitant amounts of documentation which would lead the commissioner to deem them “LIMITED” and either impede them or pull a “California” on them and require them to supply information for ABORTION. What I find laughable about this is that you will not find this reported via any media service. Has the **TIMES HERALD-RECORD** had any story of substance that has to deal with our local area??? I have not seen anything about this issue reported at all. If it was not for our **CATHOLIC WATCH DOGS** keeping attention in Albany and sending out the notices, I would be clueless like most of you. It's time to reach out to our parish family members and urge you to sign up for important notices that need our voice and support. You can go to **ARCHNY.ORG**, **NYSCATHOLIC.ORG**, or **USCCB.ORG** and sign up to receive vital notices as they come up. Just take the time to scroll through each web site to find where to sign up and do it. Remember, if you don't make the effort, you will surely never hear it from the **NEWSLESS TIMES HERALD-RECORD THAT IS A SHELL OF WHAT IT ONCE WAS**.

Now, there is a new item that got me steamed the other day as I viewed the EWTN News report on Thursday or Friday. I shall not go into too much detail, but I had seen a reference to this issue with the current “*FEEBLE OCCUPANT OF THE WHITE HOUSE*” in a press room piece that was highlighted in the **CATHOLIC LOOP** which I subscribe to daily, and I would like to offer you the opportunity to subscribe as well. Let me know by emailing me at hnojotisville@frontiernet.net with your email address. If I can get 10 recruited, I would score a **CATHOLIC LOOP** coffee mug. The issue at hand is the outright public affront to the USCCB statement that condemned the Biden administrations reversal of the last administration's ban on the use of aborted fetus tissue for scientific research via the use of taxpayer funds. The fact that the press spokesperson spoke so glibly about the president's outright defiant response to the Bishops' noticeably clear statement, following Catholic moral guidelines, has gotten my blood pressure boiling. (More on this next week.)

I want to continue highlighting the Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal as we journey into the Easter season. As of Friday, April 30, the reports for HNOJ & HC stood at: HNOJ was **\$21,831.00** pledged by **61** families while HC was **\$19,025.00** from 51 families. HNOJ is so close to 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. I would like to get a little personal right now with the most recent notification from our Appeal rep. HNOJ is so close to our goal. I urge more than just the 61 we have now to respond to the mailings this week. HC is doing better than last year's Appeal at this point; but, from a parish of roughly 1,500 families, last week saw 3 GIFTS RECEIVED. I beg our family base at HC to join with me in reaching out to this year's Appeal request with a generous pledge that will assist HC toward the stated goal.

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

Fr. Mike