

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!

Sunday Greetings Parish Family of HNOJ:

I wish to begin today's reflections for the parish family members of HNOJ with a reminder: as I mentioned at Saturday evening Mass and Sunday Morning Mass a few weeks ago, **on June 9, Fr. Gerard DiSenso, former pastor of HNOJ between Fr. McHale & Fr. Gibney entered into eternity having fulfilled his journey of 93 years, 68 of those years as a faithful priest of Jesus Christ.** His funeral took place on Wednesday, June 16, at the Main Chapel of the John Cardinal O'Connor Pavilion where Fr. DiSenso lived in retirement with brother priests of the Archdiocese of New York. I am not sure if any from HNOJ made the trek down to Riverdale to attend the funeral. Fr. DiSenso only spent 3 years ministering at HNOJ but certainly made an impact in his brief period here. **To allow the parish family of HNOJ to honor the memory of Fr. DiSenso, a memorial Mass has been arranged for Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00pm.** We will come together to celebrate what Fr. DiSenso offered for over half a century+. All are invited to join with us at the Altar of the Lord to pray for an exceptionally fine and dedicated priest.

This weekend our parish is conducting the annual Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal. This year, as mentioned in last week's Laptop, we welcome the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers as our mission appeal recipient. The Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers were founded in 1911 by the Bishops of the US Catholic Church to train, send and support missionaries from the US in overseas mission. Today Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers are active in mission ministries in 22 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and in mission education and formation in the US. There will be a second collection next weekend for the mission ministry of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers. **If you plan to make your offering via check, please make it out to HNOJ and the parish will cut one check, when all is counted, as directed by the Propagation of the Faith Office from the Archdiocese.**

To learn more about the mission ministries of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers, please view the mission of Fr. John Barth, MM at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdOUrAYOlxM>. Please visit: <http://www.maryknollsociety.org> to learn more about the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers and please also visit www.maryknollvocations.org to learn about mission vocations.

I want to continue highlighting the Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. As of Friday, June 17, the reports for HNOJ & HC stood unchanged: HNOJ was **\$22,931.00** pledged by **67** families while HC was **\$20,150.00** from **58** families. HNOJ reached its **\$22,500.00** goal and now is on track to begin realizing rebate on pledges that are made from here forward. 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