

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

GLORY TO THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

For those who I did not see at Mass last Sunday, I wish to let you know that I am not among you this weekend. I am grateful to Fr. Nick and Fr. Anthony for covering the Masses this weekend. I am actually up in Stowe, Vermont to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony for Stephen Sobanko, a young man from Hopewell Junction who was part of the rectory crew when I was there in the late 1990's. It is a wonderful honor to be remembered and be invited to play a vital role in the life of Stephen and his wife-to-be. I will have you all in my prayers though as I have arranged to stay at the local parish up here in Stowe to be able to offer any assistance I can with the Sunday Masses here. I shall be back Sunday night some time so that I can be up and ready for Mass on Monday morning at HNOJ.

Speaking of Monday morning and Mass, **I want to extend the invitation to all to join me as we will celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and remember all our dedicated men and women of the Armed Services who made the extreme sacrifice of serving our country in the various world conflicts and paid the ultimate price, the giving up of their lives.** Please take note of the innumerable American flags that are waving at HNOJ cemetery; we certainly have many who answered the call and for whom we should now answer the call to gather and remember them at the Altar of God this Memorial Day. **Mass shall be at 9:00 Monday morning and we will gather after Mass at the Veterans Monument alongside the church for a brief prayer of remembrance.**

Even though we have returned to Ordinary Time, Mother Church gives us this and next Sunday to continue in the spirit of the Easter joy with this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Having spent the last 90 days emersed in the rich reflection upon the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Second Person of the Trinity and being fully emersed in the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, we are privileged today to enwrap ourselves within the great mystery that has been revealed to us: **ONE GOD, THREE PERSONS, THE HOLY TRINITY.** Our little brains are just too limited to be able to comprehend the mystery. There has been much division over this great mystery and too much bloodshed over the course of time. All I can say in this respect that I am no scholar who can even wade into the discussion regarding this mystery. I can say, with all certainty, that I have encountered the richness of the mystery of God on a few occasions along my journey and that is all I need to be certain of His Presence to me.

I want to continue highlighting the Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal as we return to Ordinary Time. As of Friday, May 21, the reports for HNOJ & HC stood at: HNOJ was \$22,256.00 pledged by 63 families while HC was \$20,150.00 from 58 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.

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

Fr. Mike