

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us to the final weekend of August. Where did the summer go!?! I have been wishing our college students God's Blessings as they have been shoving off for, what they hope, will be a fairly "normal" Fall semester. We now turn our attention toward our local students as they will be gearing up this Wednesday to, hopefully, begin a "normal" school year as well. All of us have to be attentive beginning this Wednesday as there will be greater activity on the roadways surrounding our two parishes, much altered from last year due to remote learning. May the Grace of Almighty God be with our parish families as the new school year begins.

Not too far now will be the start of another Religious Formation year. Sister Nancy & staff @ HNOJ and Nancy M & staff @ HC have been hard at work preparing. Registrations are trickling in to both parishes and I want to emphasize the importance of responding right now so as not to be shut out from any particular day that is being sought. I would venture to say that both Sister Nancy & Nancy M have also been working hard to have on hand the needed catechists to lead the students in faith for both parishes. Please consult today's bulletin to see if there is a need at either parish and pray very deeply if the Lord is touching your heart to step out in faith to share the faith with our precious children. HNOJ & HC will celebrate Catechetical Sunday in a few weeks to petition God's blessing upon our catechists and students. Till then, if you have not registered, please take the time today to fill out the forms and bring them to the respective offices for processing. Thank You.

There is a matter of a personal nature that I wish to bring to the attention of the parish family of Holy Cross. As you know, Deacon Ed Lazzari has been of service at Holy Cross since his ordination a few years back. In this period of time, he and his wife have been caring for Deacon Ed's mother and have sold their home and down-sized to a housing development that is all the way over on the northern side of Middletown and St. Joseph parish. Along with care of his mother, Deacon Ed & his wife have assumed care for his aunt as well, who also needs constant attention. Prior to my vacation time, Deacon Ed came to me to discuss the potentiality of a transfer to St. Joseph parish to help facilitate the added responsibilities now at home and the greater traveling distance. I have acquiesced with the necessary letter for transfer and am waiting to hear of the outcome. I know the development he lives in, and he has to drive past St. Joseph parish to get here. It's a no-brainer as to the added responsibilities that have cropped up since beginning the formation program and ordination. I will keep you posted.

One event that I would like to begin to set the table for will take place at the beginning of Respect Life Month. On Saturday, October 2 from 12:00pm till 2:30pm, please come and join with me, members of the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes and other Pro-Life supporters as the Monument for the Unborn at HNOJ, that has been donated by Benedict Memorials via the Knights of Columbus, will be formally dedicated. A special time of fellowship is being arranged by the Knights of Columbus to surround the dedication. This has been a dream of mine to have this visible message toward the sanctity of life to be present on our church/cemetery grounds like other Catholic parishes & cemeteries have across the nation. Please make it a point to set aside a few hours for this fitting start to Respect Life Month.

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

Fr. Mike