

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!

Sunday Greetings Parish Family of HNOJ:

I would like to begin this week by offering my heartfelt gratitude to Lou & Angel Maurizzio, Bill O'Sullivan, Ken Coppola, Marlene Kelly, Bernie Raap, Diane Loeven, along with everyone else who came out last week to support our parish's efforts at its Sausage & Peppers Booth at the Lion's Club Carnival. Even though it was a scaled down version of The Country Fair Days, it still looked as if it was good to be able to get out and socialize and see the smiles on the children's faces. Just off the top of my head, the booth *grossed* about \$3,700 and change. With expenses our *net* comes to around \$3,000 or there about. Not bad for a three-day run, off-season at that.

Right now, we are working on our parish's next effort which will be a return of the **PARISH YARD SALE DAY** which is scheduled for Saturday, October 9 of Columbus Day weekend. Our office staff has been working on contacting last year's participants. If you would like to join in the action of the day, please make note of the notice that you should find in today's bulletin. I pray that this year's event will be as pleasant and prosperous as last year's.

I am actually putting together this week's message on Friday at noontime. The fact that we put together our bulletin "in-house" via the capable and dedicated skills of Lisa Gadol, I am able to share with you the wonderful experience I shared in last evening, along with many of my brother priests and bishops--the beautiful Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Dolan before the seminarians, their family members, gathered seminary staff and former staff, that opens the 125th Anniversary year of St. Joseph's Seminary. Next Sunday, we have our opportunity to support the seminary in the annual offering that will be taken up. I encourage your generous consideration, as I shall, of support for the ongoing efforts of the formation of our future priests and deacons along with formation programs of our laity as well. Please review the Letter from Cardinal Dolan that appears on the reverse side of this page for his reflections on St. Joseph's Seminary.

Respect Life Month commences with the start of October. Besides the activity that is below, I also would ask that you can keep in mind the ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN that will take place on Sunday, October 3 from 2:00 till 3:30pm along Route 211 in the Town of Wallkill. The usual gathering spot for HNOJ is in the vicinity of the Dunkin' Donuts where the new bank building is going up. Park in the upper lot, above the construction zone, and walk down to the representatives on the corner who will supply you with placard to offer your silent witness. I hope to be able to join you once I finish Mass at OCF.

One event that I would like to continue to highlight is taking 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, 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