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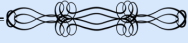
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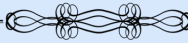
## This Week's Intentions

**Den. Ed Sergeant**

By Toni & Jerry Smith

**Michael E. Connors**

By Angela Salce



## Collection

Last weekend's collection was \$231.90. Thank you for your generosity! As a guide, local residents are encouraged to tithe; graduates students are encouraged to give \$5-\$8 per week and Undergraduates \$3-\$5 per week as you are able. If you are away please consider making up your support.



## Newman Laughs



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# NEWMAN

## Catholic Community at Rochester

*Second Sunday of Lent - February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016*

## COOL THOUGHTS

Racism - a subtle sin in our heart

I received an email from my friend Fr. Ed Palumbos who wrote his bulletin column on racism. As many of you are aware, one topic, which has been given great and necessary discussion here on campus, is the issue of racism. This got me thinking about my growing awareness of the sin of racism in my life. I integrate some of the questions and thoughts Fr. Ed raised in his column here.

In the last several months, we have all experienced the horrible tragedies of hate crimes and the suffering caused by racism. And we do not have to go far off campus. As I reflect on this I have been drawn in my own heart to examine my own attitudes.

Going back a few years, I can remember when I was in college and living off campus. At the time, I moved from a small city to Rochester. I recall one day, as though it was yesterday, I was walking not far from my home in my new city. Upon seeing an African American man coming towards me a block or two away, I decided to cross the street right then. While crossing the street was something I needed to do, to get to my house, I did not have to do it then. As a matter of fact, going to the corner would have been more logical. Sadly, on that day, I was well aware an African American man was coming towards me. Ever since, I have come to check my identity, and myself at least to the best of my ability, about subtle traces of racism that are part of my own life. It may be the wisdom of age that allows me some freedom to do this.

Of course, like you, we see how easy it is to see blatant racism in the world around all of us and in other people; like the young 21 year-old white supremacist who executed nine African Americans while they were at worship a few months ago. But often things like racism is often more subtler in most of us. When we notice a commercial has a black character. When we walk campus. When we evaluate questions and comments from people of color. The question should arise, why does it even occur to me that those people are black? They are just people like me in every way. Why do I do I even find myself describing someone as a black man, when I do not do the same for a "white man?" This leads me to ask myself, "How can I raise my awareness about the equality of all people as brothers and sisters in the household of God?"

As a person of faith, in what ways do I further the subtle, but powerful attitudes that kindle the fires of racism that continue to percolate within our society. Why is it I am so proud that we have multiple races here at Newman and on campus? Why should this be so different or so special, instead of just ordinary?

We all have a challenge to recognize the subtle racism that is within ourselves, acknowledge it as sinful, disavow it and root it out; and never pass it on. Examining our attitudes in this regard might be a good project for all of us this Lent!

Peace, Fr. Cool

PS... I would like to invite you to consider attending 12:30 mass here at the Interfaith Chapel every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. It is only about 20 minutes! Also, consider joining us at InstaMass at 10 pm in Friel. The Eucharist is a wonderful prayer to include within our Lenten journey.

### **E-Board Notes:**

SAIC is hosting a special event at their weekly dinner Thursday in the Brennan room. A representative from URI (United Religions Initiative) will be presenting on student engagement in interfaith dialogue on campus. Please come to represent Newman and participate in meaningful conversation!

Are you passionate about UR Newman? Consider joining the Newman Fest Subcommittee. Contact Daniela Burnes ([dburnesv@u.rochester.edu](mailto:dburnesv@u.rochester.edu)) or Griffin Cunningham ([gcunnin4@u.rochester.edu](mailto:gcunnin4@u.rochester.edu)) to sign up or for more information.



### **Volunteering Opportunities:**

#### ***Alternative Spring Break***

Interested in making a difference AND having a great time this coming spring break? Newman sponsors the longest consecutive running Alternative Spring Break on campus to Frenchville, PA. Contact **Anne** for more information or the registration form if you are interested!

#### ***St. Joseph's House***

Looking for a place to volunteer? Help us have a community impact by volunteering with St. Joseph's House. Contact Ixel Valeriano ([ivaleria@u.rochester.edu](mailto:ivaleria@u.rochester.edu)) if interested.



### **Graduate Students:**

There are various Graduate Assistantships in Student Life that are available for the 2016-2017 academic year. To find out more, please visit their website at <http://rochester.edu/college/wcsa/graduatestudents.html>



### **Newman Weekly Schedule:**

#### **Monday:**

12:30-12:50PM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

#### **Tuesday: NEWMAN NIGHT**

12:30-12:50PM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

4-6:00PM: Study Break (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

6-7:00PM: Free Dinner (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

7-7:30PM: Rosary Group (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

#### **Wednesday:**

10-10:30PM: Instamass (Sue B. Dorm, Friel Lounge)

#### **Thursday:**

12:30-12:50PM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

#### **Friday**

7:25-9:30PM: St. Joseph's House Volunteering

#### **Sunday:**

10:30-11:30AM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

7-8:00PM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

### **How about a Techno-Fast for Lent?**

For this Lent, take some time on Mondays to unplug your cell and social media devices for 12 or 24 or less hours (or even 9-5PM). Take that time to devote some heart to heart facetime with God. We "techno-fast" as a community, in solidarity, and know that the reflection, silence and generosity serve as deeply rewarding and spiritually refreshing.

### **Volunteer Year:**

Thinking about starting your next adventure? On Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00pm EST, Mercy Volunteer Corps will be broadcasting a live webinar focusing on what it looks like to complete a full year of service work. Please contact Ashley ([AshleyHendzell@mercyvolunteers.org](mailto:AshleyHendzell@mercyvolunteers.org)) with questions. If you are unable to make the live feed, you can still watch it later at: <http://www.mercyvolunteers.org/webinar/>

### **REPRESENT: Newman Poster Contest**

Do you want to show others how much you love Newman and get more people involved? E-Board is hosting Newman Poster Contest to get the word about everything that goes on here. Bring your creativity and follow a few simple guidelines and information that needs to be shared in your work. Check out Newman email this week for complete details. Winning poster gets a gift card!!

### **Newman Travels**

#### ***Featuring Lucas Pereira from Brazil***

Many freshmen who attend Mass at Newman are initially surprised by the informality of Mass here: we stand during the consecration. We do not genuflect (because the tabernacle is kept in the sacristy), and families decked out in their Sunday finest give way to students in casual dress. But Lucas Avelar of Brazil is perhaps the first student ever to describe Mass here as more formal than Mass at home! He is accustomed to flyers rather than hymnals, more hugging during the sign of peace, and applause after the homily.

The Brazilian culture has been heavily influenced by the Catholic Church. The Christ the Redeemer statue is an iconic example of Catholic symbolism that adorns the country, but in daily life, people are more likely to see rosaries on cabs and crucifixes "everywhere," according to Lucas. Where in America, Mary is honored with a holy day of obligation – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Our Appeared Lady is a public holiday in Brazil on which children, especially loved by the Virgin Mary, receive gifts from family.

Lucas describes his fellow Brazilians as "loud, outgoing, humorous, and very excitable," and find that he feels at home among his fellow Catholics at Newman for their similarities. He challenges us all to be even more like his countrymen and women in the best ways, hoping that we can all find a bit more cheer in our days, and sharing it with those around us.

