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This Week's Intentions

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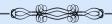
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Collection

Last weekend's collection was \$331. 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.



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - March 20th, 2016

COOL THOUGHTS

Holy Week is the most important week in the Church year! It is a time when we celebrate in a special way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today.

"Triduum" comes from two Latin words - tres and dies - that mean "a space of three days," But since we have four days with special names - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday - the "three" may be confusing to some. They are however, one liturgical celebration. During the Triduum we celebrate the core mystery of our Christian faith: we ritualize Jesus' transition from life to death to risen life, and our own participation in that timeless mystery. If is so easy this time of year to celebrate these days as a historical commemoration. But we are doing for more than recalling historical facts. What Jesus did for us has consequences for all people at all times.

<u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:</u> Jesus was welcomed by the people with cheers and palms - a symbol of victory and sign that "all is well". As you listen to the Passion on this day, place yourself in the story. What does it feel like to be part of the crowd or to be a disciple? What does it feel like to be in Jesus' place during the passion? What would you do if you were Jesus' best friend?

<u>Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper:</u> On this night, the first reading describes the Passover meal. The second reading, the institution of Eucharist is shared, "this is my Body, which is for you." In the Gospel, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples. This is the service and love of Jesus, which we are asked to share in our lives. We are reminded God always nourishes his people. The good news is that God hasn't stopped nourishing us. We can feast on his Word and on the Eucharist. We also experience the washing of the feet: Put yourself in the place of the foot-washer: How do you feel washing the feet of others? Put yourself in the place of the disciples: How does it feel to have someone, who means so much to you, wash your feet?

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: The readings, from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Hebrews, describe the mystery of the cross - the Paschal Mystery - suffering turned into victory. The word passion can also mean strong feelings of love. Jesus' passion is the time from the Last Supper to his death on the cross, during which he shows his great love for us. The veneration of the cross is a time when a large cross is brought forward. We touch or kiss the cross to show our love and thankfulness for God's love. If you stood at the cross on which Jesus hung, what would you say to him? How does it feel to touch or kiss the cross? What does this mean to you?

Easter Vigil: Holy Saturday: The blessing of the Easter fire begins this celebration. From that fire, the Paschal Candle is lit. After the readings, the liturgy of baptism begins. While the new members of the community are baptized, the whole community joins in renewing our promises and as the whole community is sprinkled with water we, remember our baptism. The Paschal candle symbolizes Jesus as light of the world. It is from this candle that baptism candles are lit throughout the year, that we celebrate the life of faith of the newly departed and that we celebrate the commitment of faith in the sacrament of Confirmation. It stands as a symbol of our faith and our desire to be light to the world as Jesus is for us.

Jesus always speaks about hope. His hope is built upon the promise that, whatever happens, God will stay with us at all times, in all places. God is the God of Life! How would you feel if you were being baptized tonight? What does it mean for you to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection?

The Triduum concludes with the Easter Sunday celebrations of the Resurrection but we continue this celebration for the next seven weeks...longer than Lent...the Easter Season concludes with Pentecost.

Please join us for these celebrations and let the Lord speak deeper to your heart and spirit! Peace, Fr. Cool

E-Board Notes:

We are now accepting nominations for next fall's Newman Eboard. If there's anyone you think would be a great leader in our community please nominate them. Please send your nominations to Brianna Herron (bherron2@u.rochester.edu) or Frank Dettore-Schenkelberg (fdettore@u.rochester.edu).

This is your last chance to sign up for intramural soccer. Email Griffin Cunningham (<u>gcunnin4@u.rochester.edu</u>) or Daniela Burnes (<u>dburnesv@u.rochester.edu</u>) by this Tuesday, March 22 to sign up.

Congratulations to Natalie Fuentes on winning the poster contest!



<u>Volunteering Opportunities:</u> Comfort Blankets and Baby Caps

Do you knit, crochet or sew? Hospitals are always in need of caps for newborns and preemies, and children love to have a small blanket for cuddling during happy times and sad times. We have the yarn. We just need you. Sign-up at Mass or contact Sr. Leandra.

Sojourner Children Volunteering

Sojourner Center helps homeless women with difficult pasts (that have been abused, are refugees, etc.) to rebuild their lives by giving them shelter and life skills lessons for six months. Nevertheless, their children normally come with them and they need volunteers to do activities with the children while their moms are taking the lessons. Depending on the amount of people interested this could be a weekly or biweekly commitment. If you want to know more about this volunteering opportunity, please contact Icxel Valeriano (ivaleria@u.rochester.edu).



Newman Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: NEWMAN NIGHT

6-7:00PM: Free Dinner (River Level, Interfaith Chapel) 7-7:30PM: Rosary Group (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

7:30-8:30PM: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Sanctuary, Interfaith Chapel)

8:30-10:00: Night Fever Event: Adoration and time for private prayer

and reflection (Sanctuary, Interfaith Chapel)

Friday:

3:00-4:00PM: Good Friday: of the Passion of the Lord (Sanctuary, Interfaith Chapel)

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

7:30-8:30PM: Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary, Interfaith Chapel)

Saturday:

8:30-9:30PM: The Easter Vigil Mass (Sanctuary, Interfaith Chapel)

Sunday

10:30-11:30AM: Easter Sunday Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel) 7:00-8:00PM: Easter Sunday Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

American Catholicism: Slow Death or Regeneration

Reporter and author John Allen is coming to the University of Rochester to deliver a lecture exploring the life of the Catholic Church in America. John Allen has written several books on the Church today, including The Francis Miracle: Inside the Transformation of the Pope and Church. The talk will be held on Thursday, April 7th at 5pm in the Hawkins-Carlson room at Rush Rhees; light refreshments will be served following the talk. Sponsored by the Department of Religion and Classics

For more information, contact Anne Thomas at athomas l@admin.rochester.edu

Good Friday Service

Please note that our Good Friday Service time has been changed to 3:00PM in the Sanctuary of the Interfaith Chapel

Agape Latte

Agape Latte is coming to the University of Rochester on April 5th, 2016. The event will be held at 8:30 PM in the Welles-Brown Room!

Agape Latte is a unique event for people looking to hear about spirituality and the activity of God in the lives of very interesting and inspiring people. Such as professors and staff at the University of Rochester. "Agape" is a Greek word for a kind of love that seeks nothing in return.

Don't be late, as the Midnight Ramblers will be opening the event! The inaugural presenter will be Dr. Hafensteiner from the Chemistry Department.

Dr. H's talk is entitled "What You Don't Know About People You Know". Coffee and desserts will be available throughout the event. Word has it Girl Scout Cookies will be served among other delicacies!

The event is sponsored by: UR ResLife, Panhellic Association, Interfaith Chapel, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, St. Sebastian Society and the Newman.

For more information about the event, please check out our Facebook page!

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