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This Week's Intentions

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Collection

Last weekend's collection was \$506.75. 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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Third Sunday of Easter - April 10th, 2016

COOL THOUGHTS

Here are a few odds and ends for this week's Cool Thoughts.

- First, this past weekend Rochester and New York State became an important place in the American election cycle. Senators Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, Governor Kasich and businessman Donald Trump have or will come to Rochester. As you are no doubt well aware, the election cycle has been a time for much debate, controversy, emotion and things of that nature. What can be lost in all of this is that in a democracy and especially as Christians we all have a responsibility to vote and to participate in the election process. I personally believe, that one of the most serious challenges the Church offers to each of us, especially in election cycles like this, is that we must always have an 'Option for the Poor'. This means that as we approach voting for particular candidates we seriously consider how the poor will fare from the choice we make. The Church NEVER endorses a particular candidate. It will always be about principles and policies. As we move towards the election itself and consider candidates never lose sight of this. Despite the challenges of this the election never forget the poor among us.

- The Gospel today, and indeed the first and second readings remind me that even in Easter season, as we are focused on joy of newness of life, we have to remind ourselves the demands of being a Christian follower. It can demand a great deal from us. This has always been the case and it always will be. This goes back to the beheading of John the Baptist and continues to our present day. Each of us must not only be willing to let our faith challenge our choices and decisions, we must be willing to be pay the price as persons of faith living Easter life.

- As mentioned, Easter brings us about great joy. It is helped immensely by the fact the weather is changing for the better. The sun is out longer. The temperatures are rising, despite the temperatures after this past week this may be hard to believe! I think that Easter joy can be a lot like the 'dip kisses' I see in a couple that I know well. I married Dave and Kat some ten years ago. They both graduated from the University of Rochester and now live in Europe. Often using social media they share the joy of the meaning of their love in a very organic and joy filled way. Their affection and spontaneity springs from deep within. So does the joy of Easter. It springs from within. As people of faith we need to let joy rise from our hearts and faith. It is this joy, which can spring from deep within can be a powerful witness to all in the world.

- As the semester comes to an end, please be certain to be kind and generous with your time and energy. I highly recommend you begin planning now and budget your time with projects and finals. I encourage you to find time for rest, sleep, eat and engagement with friends. Studying is always necessary and extremely important. Yet, being human is a divine calling. It is a gift we have been given. Treat yourself well.

Peace, Fr. Cool

