

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 28, 2009
Feast of the Holy Innocents – Nevina dječica

7:30 a.m. Katie Munizzi	Mary Vujic
Martin & Minnie Miloslavich	Rose Covic
Jean Quinn	Julie & Kevin Marcus
Ante Kraljević	ob. Vlado Kraljević
Za zaboravljene duše Hrvata u cistillistu	Anica Ostojić

Tuesday – Utorak, December 29, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Roti (10 th Anniv.)	Marion
Rose Capinegro (2 nd Anniv.)	Marion
Katie Munizzi	Peter, JoAnn & Jamie Peso

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 30, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mariano Coletta	Mary Fratto
Ann Bittner	Zorka & Richard Kern
Vito Caponigro	Lila Bozich family
Sally DePietro	Stretch & El

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 31, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mike Brcich	family
Joseph & Ann LaScola	family
Ana & Ivan Vrdoljak	Cathy & Andrew

6:00 p.m. Maria Gazzi	the Gazzi family
William Lattyak	John & Marge Piegari
Angelique Rubio	Linda Rubio
Frank Bologna	Linda Rubio

Friday – Petak, January 1, 2010
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Marija Bogorod.

7:30 a.m. Ann Freeman	Mary Tadin
Carmella Barbara	children
Intentions of the Blessed Virgin	Diane Krolo

9:30 a.m. Deceased of Peso family	family
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11:00 a.m. Robert Jurlina	family
Josip i Ana Bajzec	Josip i Kata Bajzec
Tome i Marta Bulić	Josip i Kata Bajzec
Anđa i Anto Botić	sestra Jela
Milka i Jure Filipčić	ob. Jadranka Hrvojević
Iva Šušnjara	sin Anđelko Šušnjara i ob.
Tereza Šimunić	Anđelko Šušnjara i ob.
Na nakanu	Ivanka Šušnjara

Saturday – Subota, January 2, 2010

7:30 a.m. Dec. of Josip Strmečki family	family
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5:30 p.m. Anna Novak	Ana Novak
Josie Hanson	Bob & Kathy Cannatello
Mike Krstulovich	Scalise family

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 3, 2010
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić	Duško
Frank & Connie Fratto	Mary
Frances Pintoy	Ann Contino
John Botica	Kraslen family

9:30 a.m. Josie Hanson	Rodriguez-Kozina family
Mondo Zeledon	Joanne Sipich
Ann Bittner	Bittner family
Mary Laco	Connie Damico

11:00 a.m. Augustin Rodich	Mate Caljkusic
Ante i Nikola Badrov	Nevenka Badrov
Fra Vendelin Vasilj	ob. Andrija Vasilj
Marija Ujčić	Josip i Albina Pauletić
John "Ish" Botica	Duško i Jadranka Kraljević
Luca Jurčić	ob. Blage i Ivanke Planinić
Dumica i Ljubo Tanfara	djeca
Frank i Maria Cecchini	Bruno i Jasna
Petar Rodić	Stipe Tokić i ob.
Marko Brkić	Perica i Marija Dušević
Nikola Čuljak	ob. Filip Filipović
Maša Marić	ob. Ivan Maroš
Pok. ob. Čondić	Duško

12:45 p.m. Deceased of Jack & Carmella Ruggiero family

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. Mary Fratto / Jan Ferro
 Jan. 1, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce/ Rosemary Brcich
 9:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi & Mary Vujic/ Ellen Ryan
 11 a.m. Davorka Toromanović, Petar Dušević, Mario Ivančić
 Sat., Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Magyar / Jan Ferro
 Sun., Jan. 3, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce / Matthew Pesce
 Sun., Jan. 3, 9:30 a.m. Brianna Babich / Ellen Ryan
 Sun., Jan. 3, 11 a.m. Ivana Djebro, Snježana Šego, Zrinka Jureta

ALTAR SERVERS:

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. Balazs, Bova, Insalaco
 New Year's Day 7:30 a.m. Babich, Wroblewski
 9:30 a.m. Bova, Garcia, R. Meo
 11:00 a.m. D. i I. Jureta, M. i L. Kosić, L. Kutleša

Sat., Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m. Mossman, Perseghin, Rubio
 Sun., Jan. 3, 7:30 a.m. Balazs, Insalaco
 Sun., Jan. 3, 9:30 a.m. J. Moreno, N. Moreno, Nowacki
 Sun., Jan. 3, 11 a.m. K. Cikoch, M. Šego, M. Brajković, A. Barun, A. Ledić, K. Hostička

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for Feast of the Holy Family

At the end of today's Gospel there is a very telling sentence: "Mary stored up all these things in her heart." Mary didn't immediately understand the meaning of what was happening to her and of what God was asking of her.

Profound lived experience always begins with perplex-



the year.

More than once we read in scripture that Mary was per-

plexed. What did she do? She pondered, reflected and prayed, but not from uncertainty and anxiety. She did these things to discern the purpose of God in them. In this way she acquired the insight and wisdom that comes from doing God's will.

We can do the same!

WISDOM'S CORNER

Blessed are you, Mary

- ...who believed that God is trustworthy. You knew that God is faithful.
- ...who believed that God's word is true and his promises are certain. You knew that God knows our hearts and desires only that we put our hope in his unfailing love.
- ...who believed that God is bigger than every fear and concern. You knew that God can do so much more that we can even think to ask.
- ...who believed what was spoken to you by the Lord. You knew you could stake your life on the one true God, on his power to accomplish his plans, and on his love and protection.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me! Help me to trust that God is faithful, dependable, and loving. Teach me to hold firmly to the truth of his words, rest securely in his love, and stake my life on his power and goodness.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The most beautiful action in the world is to love. The second most beautiful is to give."

Dear friends,

What does it mean when we say Happy New Year? What does it mean when we say to a friend, "Good luck?" Does this mean luck, in the literal sense, or is our intention more akin to happiness?

Happiness doesn't refer to gaining something by sheer luck. Happiness is something deeper. I wish you the gift of happiness that forever takes root in your life. For centuries people have pondered happiness. Some say that happiness is the absence of illness. Others agree with Bernard Shaw who explained that whenever you chase after happiness and find it, you will be like the old person who was frantically searching for his glasses only to find them right on his nose.

The wise Greek man Eshil put it another way: "The man whom no one admires is not happy." The great writer Goethe expressed it most deeply: "The happiest person, whether king or peasant, is the one who finds peace in his own home." Phrased a little differently, it is also true that "happy is the man who manages to live in the present." Christ might express this concept even more simply: Everybody loves himself, but to love another is true happiness. To quote Shakespeare: "How many eyes does a man need to have to notice the happiness that surrounds him?" The Latin proverb is also so true: No one can do anything to change a person who has decided to be happy. Happiness in the depth of a human soul is the most sincere and deepest reality, which no one can take away.

When a man knows that God knows his name and his fate, when a man recognizes people around himself as gifts, when he understands his own place in the world and in life itself, when he knows that he is not a temporary being but an eternal one, when he is happy today and doesn't regret yesterday nor think he will be happier tomorrow, then he is truly happy! Happy New Year and every year!

Your Father Joe

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- EVENTS -

Thank You...*Thank You*

- ◆ For all of your gifts to our parish this Christmas season, and for all of the love you show
- ◆ For your thoughts, good wishes, cards and gifts to us, your priests during this holy season, and your generous love.
- ◆ For your donations for flowers to adorn our church A special expression of gratitude to Louis and Mary Scalise, and to Ken and John Zekich for decorating our church that looks gorgeous!
- ◆ For all that you have done in the weeks before Christmas Thank you for responding to the invitation to buy gifts for needy children. We received over 320 gifts that fulfilled the wishes of those needy children and sent them to 4 places in our city to be distributed.
- ◆ We are grateful to each and every one of you who participated in our annual parish and school events, fundraisers and the help of different kind. Thank you wholeheartedly for everything you did as individuals or families for our parish community.
- ◆ For all those who gave and continue to donate winter clothing and blankets for the homeless Your response to this undertaking was truly impressive.
- ◆ We are especially grateful for the gift of our lives and all of our encounters. Thank you for your Christian witness of love and faith in Christ our Lord. Together we go forward in that faith into the new year!

HOMELESS

Blankets and Winter Coats (especially for men) are still needed for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

**Highly Recommended**

We sincerely and strongly recommend to you an amazing film by Clint Eastwood, *INVICTUS*. The film is about Nelson Mandela, and the power of principles and values that are so direly missing in our world. A



line in the script is an example of this power: "I

am the master of my fate and the captain of my soul." This film confirms that to stand up for what is just and important is an invaluable principle in all cultures and at all times. Please don't miss it!

New Year's Eve Party

Croatian School is hosting a New Year's Eve celebration in our school hall on Dec. 31. at 8 p.m.

Adults: 21 and over
\$75.00

Youth: 12-20 \$30.00
Children under 12
\$20.00

Tickets can be purchased from the School Board members.



Masses: If you wish to have certain Masses scheduled for the anniversaries of your deceased, please let us know as early as possible so that we can avoid scheduling problems, and give you the dates you wish.



KRŠTENI/BAPTIZED
at St. Jerome's
in 2009

Welcome to our parish!

Nikola Ivan Kraljević – Jan. 4
Nina Luciana Calderone – Jan. 4
Jack Matthew Badrov – Feb. 14
Jaidyn Rose Bennett – Feb. 15
Ilija Tomislav Erkapić – Feb. 22
Ana Sophie Kosir – March 15
Liliana Anica Pervan – March 21
Natalia Ivanica Bašan – March 29
Pasqualina Maria Fortunato – May 2
Mikaela Tomoko Dorkin – May 2
Leila Ivković Adriaenssens – May 9
Ellie Rose Penavić – May 16
Joseph Louis Kotowsky – May 24
Amelia Klara Kotowsky – May 24
Josip Šimunić – May 31
Ileana Lyda Adams – June 14

Joseph John Rodriguez – June 20
Marko Zeba – June 28
Audrey Iva Eiseman – July 11
Zoe Ann Eiseman – July 11
John Ante Zelić – July 18
Dario Ivančić – Aug. 2
Marko Salvator Pervan – Aug. 2
Dominik Ivić – Aug. 2
Ivy Elizabeth Lisnich – Aug. 8
Anthony Richard Burtner – Aug. 9
Nicholas Anthony LoCoco – Aug. 23
Ivana Maria Jakelja – Oct. 4
Aidan John Eriks – Oct. 4
Iva Teresa Tokić – Oct. 11
Roko Ivan Štavlić – Oct. 18
Deana Maria Catala – Oct. 24
Olivia Ana Žaper – Nov. 28
Nikola Filip Čović – Dec. 12
Domenica Rose Liberti – Dec. 20

**TRUST THE PAST TO
GOD'S MERCY,
TRUST THE PRESENT TO
GOD'S LOVE,
AND
TRUST THE FUTURE TO
GOD'S PROVIDENCE.**

– ST. AUGUSTINE

VJENČANI/MARRIED at St. Jerome in 2009

Wallace Phelps & Jonna Stanke
– Jan. 24

Marko I. Karačić & Andreana
Mihaljević – Jan. 31

Ivan Štavlić & Mariana Dušević
– Feb. 14

Joseph A. Ferro & Kelly A. Cassella
– May 16

Eric Daley & Vanessa North–May 23

Marin Škifić & Daniella Šumera
– May 30

Ivan Zeba & Malgorzata Goryl
– June 6

James M. Coghlan & Erica Savarino
– July 11

Petar N. Rogić & Mandy M. Lončar
– July 25

Thomas Kotarac & Regan Lachapelle
– Aug. 1

Dino Mazzei & Gina Folino – Aug. 7

Josef Riccio & Helen Štimac – Aug. 8

Brian Curtin & Michelle Hanson
– Aug. 22

Anthony Ronald Bifano & Kelly Rose
Vari – Sept. 12

Nediljko Lišnić & Regina
Grigaliuniene – Sept. 19

Matthew Amedeo & Jessica N.
Wilson – Sept. 26

Ivan J. Jurković & Kristina Knezović
– Oct. 10

James P. Gosling & Michelle F.
Robertson – Nov. 20

John S. Rukavina & Stephanie M.
Šimatić – Nov. 28

CONGRATULATIONS!

MEMORIAM

POKOPANI/BURIED from St. Jerome in 2009

Mary Laco (78) passed away Dec. 28, '08

Sally Sperando (87) – Dec. 29

Joseph Mandich (69) – Jan. 25

Ljilja Orlović-Grgić (61) – March 15

Barbara Draženović (72) – March 26

Fred Anthony Kuzmanich (87) – March 28

Janet N. Lavery (71) – April 23

Mike Negrette (85) – April 27

Nancy Rudmin (52) – June 15

Mae Johnson (94) – June 26

Josip Tadijanović (70) – Aug. 18

Edward J. Bozinovich (90) – Aug. 25

Carmella "Dolly" Caponigro (77) – Aug. 25

Josephine Hanson (77) – Aug. 26

Nick Curkovich (87) – Aug. 30

Charles A. Billows (57) – Sept. 8

Anthony LoCoco (66) – Sept. 26

Antoinette M. Bittner (75) – Sept. 30

Michael Bratich (75) – Oct. 1

Michael "Mondo" Zeledon (90) – Oct. 11

Mariano "Morrie" Coletta (66) – Oct. 14

Robert L. Caponigro (61) – Oct. 29

Vito A. Caponigro Sr. (58) – Nov. 6

John "Ish" Botica (82) – Nov. 13

Anthony J. Kristich (77) – Dec. 9

May they rest in God's peace.