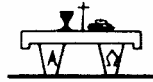


MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 16, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Mary Laco Frank & Luanne Munizzi
 Fra Didak Buntić ob. Penavic
 Joseph Bogetich children
 Joe Mandic Agnes Rodich family
 Za sve pokojne Ivan Maroš

Tuesday – Utorak, February 17, 2009

7:30 a.m. Augustin Rodich Cathy Grcevich
 Sally Sperando Bonnie DiCaro
 Joe Bozich wife & family

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 18, 2009

7:30 a.m. Carmella Barbara Kay Siani
 Paul Begich Mike & Lisa Bozich
 Georgiann Rozman Joe Rozman

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 19, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mate Badrov ob. Jozo i Milena Badrov
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

8:05 a.m. Pro populo Mass with children

Friday – Petak, February 20, 2009

7:30 a.m. Patricia Tominello Tom Kelly
 Fra Celestin Raguž ob. Penavić
 Mucenski wedding anniversary Mucenski family

Saturday – Subota, February 21, 2009

7:30 a.m. Tony Tadin Ann Contino
 James DeGrazia Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Evelyn Miloslavich family

5:30 p.m. Zygmunt Kimel People of St. Jerome Parish
 Health for Tom Richardson N. N.
 Eva Butera (2nd Anniv.) family
 Mary Laco Peter & JoAnn Peso
 Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 Marie Balestri & Anthony DeGrazia family
 Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa, Chris
 Sally Sperando Mickey & Diane Halloran
 Andrew Parachinni family
 Dec. members of Sobocan fam. Chris & Matt Pesce

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 22, 2009

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Anthony Tadin Diane Krolo
 Joseph T. Celentano Passi family
 Joseph Mandich Marty & John Kraslen
 Michael F. Iozzo Terri & Sam Babich
 Ross Cannatello family

9:30 a.m. Tony Tadin Giggie
 Mary Laco Cozzi family
 Catherine Munizzi Mr. & Mrs. Michael DiVito
 Larry Panatera Mark Gusich
 Mike Brcich Gael & Bruno Bertucci
 kuma Carm Barbara Michael & Mary Ann DiVito
 Ann Rothenberger Giggie
 James DeGrazia Louis & Mary Scalise
 John Fasula St. Jerome 8th Gr. Volleyball team
 Filip Majić Majić family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Anka Uremović ob. Frank Uremović
 Marijana Čubelić ob. Jure Krpan
 Krešo Lončar ob. Penavić
 Vlado Soldo David & Kathy Škaro
 Mila Tomić Ivan i Iva Mišetić
 Stjepan i Ante Dukić ob. Perić
 Joseph Nagy ob. Stipe Tokić
 Draga Dugandžić Zlata i Jure Dugandžić
 Augustin Rodich Ante Šipić
 Marijan Scavničar ob. Žignić
 Frano Grepo sin Ivica i ob.
 Tomislav Falak Ivica Grepo i ob.
 Tomislav Hostička Venessa & John Krpan
 Dragica Horvat ob. Brnjic
 Pok. iz ob. Jurilj Ante i Anica Lončar
 Sve mrtve iz ob. Hostička i Lišnić ob. Hostička
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Feb. 21, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli / Jan Ferro
Sun., Feb. 22, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce / Rosemary Brcich
Sun., Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass/ Mary Beth Insalaco
Sun., Feb. 22, 11:00 a.m. Milan Žolo, Antonia Kraljević, Mario Ivančić

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Feb. 21, 5:30 p.m. Babich, Perseghin, Wroblewski
Sun., Feb. 22, 7:30 a.m. Bova, Mossman
Sun., Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, A. Insalaco, R. Insalaco
Sun., Feb. 22, 11:00a.m. D. Paraga, M. Golub, S. Adjaip, M. Šego, I. Paraga

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- ▶ 2-bdrm, 1-office apt. for rent, newly remodel-ed, washer & dryer included. 312-909-8434.
- ▶ 1 bdrm apt. Call John: 312-316-8366.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leprosy is without doubt a terrible disease to have, but even leprosy is not as terrible as feeling unloved. One of the worst things that can happen to a human being is to be personally rejected by almost every other person.

The man who approached Jesus was rejected that way by almost everyone. As a leper he

was forced to live outside the community. His worst suffering was the pain of being rejected by everyone. Jesus cut through all this. He allowed the leper to approach him and then Jesus reached out and touched him. Before healing his broken body, Jesus healed his broken relationship to others.

Jesus accepted the leper. Ac-



cepting the human dignity of rejected people brings important healing. Each of us longs for our human dignity to

be respected. Christ accepts us. We too can reach out to those who are suffering and mirror the infinite compassion of God.

WISDOM'S CORNER**A cracked pot idea that worked**

Every day a farmer carried two pots to the river to fetch water. The pot on his right side was new and perfect. The pot on his left side was older and had a crack in its side.

The new pot brought back all the water the farmer put into it, but the cracked pot leaked water in a little trail. This went on day after day for two years. The little cracked pot felt terrible. "I am ashamed of my imperfection!"

One day it spoke to the farmer saying, "I apologize for only delivering half my load because I leak water all the way back to your house. You should just get rid of me."

The farmer said, "Do not despair. Look behind you. Do you not see those beautiful flowers along the path? Those are on the left side where I carry you. I knew about your special feature so I planted flower seeds, and you have watered those seeds as I walked home. Thanks to you, I have fresh flowers for my table. Thank you, little cracked pot. You are very special!"

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The cloud that darkens the present hour may brighten all our future days."

Dear Friends,

A friend of mine recently showed me some research about anti-aging. Among the findings I saw several interesting items. Experts tell us how many years longer we can live if we do the following:



- Eat breakfast every day (1.1 years)
- Take Vitamin E (2 years)
- Get at least 7 hours of sleep nightly (3 years)
- Do not smoke & avoid cigarette smoke (7 years)
- Learn new skills (2.5 years)
- Pray daily (10 years)
- Get yearly checkups (12 years)

So, those who understand the human body tell us that if we pray daily we can extend our lives by 10 years. They don't say how long we must pray each day, only that we should pray each day.

Don't we, as Christians, already know this? Prayer heals. Prayer fosters harmony within the body, and with life in general. Prayer is a breath of fresh air, a space where we are free, and provides a time when we can connect with the entire universe and God.

As Fr. Ivan and I did several months ago, we again ask you to respond to this invitation: Set aside some time each evening (preferably between 6 to 7 p.m.) for family prayers, or, for those who live alone, individual prayers. By doing this in the same time period, these prayers will unite us and no one will be alone.

Fraternally yours, Fr. Joe

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*Commitment Weekend for the
2009 Archdiocese of Chicago's
Annual Catholic Appeal*



This weekend is Commitment Weekend, when every parish in the Chicago Archdiocese will hear a recorded homily from our Cardinal Francis George and then fill out the pledge envelopes for the Annual Catholic Appeal that funds so many of the ministries of the Chicago Archdiocese. (These ministries were detailed in the

brochure included in last week's parish bulletins.)

The theme of the Cardinal's homily and of the fundraising campaign is: "Do all for the glory of God," which St. Paul advises in the Second Reading of today's Mass.

The Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time second collection. It is a *pledge campaign* where you can make a gift, payable over five months. A significant gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way.

Each individual pledge makes a difference because it is the combined effort of all parishioners in all the parishes of the Archdiocese that enables our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION
AND GENEROUS RESPONSE.***

Baptisms

This weekend St. Jerome's welcomes two new members who are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jaidyn Rose Bennett,

the daughter of David & GERALYN (nee CATTINO) Bennett, and the Goddaughter of Joseph Plesa and Sabrina Basso.

Jack Matthew Badrov,

the son of John & Victoria (nee ABRAHAM) Badrov, and the Godson of Daniel & Linda McCauley.

THANK YOU

"Dear parishioners:

I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry, Cross International Catholic Outreach, during my weekend visit on November 29-30, 2008. Your donations of \$4,659.00 will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor. May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Sincerely, Fr. Jack O'Malley, O.P."

Catholic Extension Society Calendars

Beautiful Catholic art wall calendars available, free, from the Catholic Extension Society. You may pick them up in the back of the church.

JOB BOARD

Times are hard, getting harder. Some of our parishioners have been laid off already. We as a parish community are called to help. We have a board "Job Board" at the back of the church. If anybody knows of any job being offered, please put your first name and phone number. If anybody is in need of a job, please do the same.

Bakalar

Sponsored by Club Poljica, Saturday, **March 7** at 6:30 P.M. St. Jerome hall. Dinner. Open bar. The best fish in town. Call Eleanor 773 284 2216. Tickets: \$55.00

"**CROATIAN WOMAN**" — This coming Saturday, Feb. 21, is the 80th Anniversary banquet of the "Croatian Woman" organization, to be held at the Croatian Cultural Center. *Congratulations!*

Marian Society Meeting on Sunday Feb. 22, at 12:30 P.M. Upper Small hall. All members are invited.

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. The 2010 book is open.

Congratulations to St. Jerome graduates **Brianna and Maria Babich**, who were named to the Honor Roll (1st Honors) at Trinity High School.

Volunteer to bring up the gifts during Mass:

If you wish to bring up the gifts of bread, water and wine, please see our ushers before the Mass — that day, even a week before.