

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 12, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Nettie Ennis Matt & Chris Pesce
 Juraj Bralo Katica Kosić
 Marion Curran Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Anna & John Radović (health/God's blessings) Maria Diacci

Tuesday – Utorak, January 13, 2009

7:30 a.m. Michael Sablich Therese Mannix
 Ivan Vuković Milka i Jure Krpan
 Mary Jane Lines Chris & Matt Pesce
 Rocky Iacullo Marion

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 14, 2009

7:30 a.m. Tony Tadin Josephine Hanson
 Roberta Bova Charles & Patricia Marino
 Jean Zekich Ken, Jan & John Zekich
 Na odluku Vesna K.

Thursday – Četvrtak, January 15, 2009

7:30 a.m. Augustin Rodich ob. Zvonko Čabo
 Nettie Ennis Charles & Patricia Marino
 Leroy & Janette Caputo Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Cvijeta Maslač Stojan Maslač
 The Hon. Michael A. Bilandic Jan Zekich

8:05 a.m. Pro populo

Friday – Petak, January 16, 2009

7:30 a.m. Marko Lončar ob. Penavić
 Pat McGowan Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Marion Curran Mary Fratto
 Štefa Šego ob. Stanko Šego

Saturday – Subota, January 17, 2009

7:30 a.m. Manda Paladin Maria E. Sipich
 Tony Tadin Alexander Mohovich & family
 Na nakanu Maja

5:30 p.m. Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 Carmen Butera family
 Peter Tiardovich Gabric Boosters
 Ross Cannatello family
 Pat Tominello Butch & Marlene Salvato
 Bruno Haptas sister Jane
 Boško Maslač Stojan Maslač

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 18, 2009

7:30 a.m. Antonio Lazzari Anna
 Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Paulette Agard Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Tony Tadin Perisin grandchildren
 Dominic & Lena Marino Chris & Matt Pesce

9:30 a.m. John Borich Jr. Giggie
 Marion Curran Cathy Amato
 Mary Jane Lines Marty & John Kraslen
 Marie Tenerelli Kish family
 Sally Sperando Cathy Amato

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Biserka Marušić ob. Tomica Marušić
 Rafo Rogić ob. Penavić
 Anka Uremović Pavo & Kate Hrkač
 Juraj Bralo Nevenka Jurković
 Ivan Ivanko Vesna Krišto
 Mile Bulić Anica Ostojić
 Fra Ljubo Čuvalo Ivan i Iva Mišetić
 Lucija Prša M. Pavletić
 Neda Roščić Silvi i Mattie Mladenov
 Boja Kovačević Perica Dušević i ob.
 Ante Žaper Mate i JoAnn Žaper
 Joko Bilonić Anđelko Šušnjara i ob.
 Marinko Lerotić kći Ivanka sa ob.
 Draga Dugandžić ob. Zdenka Vasilj
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. iz ob. Armić i Brković ob. Josip i Ana Armić

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto / Jan Ferro
Sun., Jan. 18, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich /
 Matthew Pesce
Sun., Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m. Kica DiVito / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Jan. 18, 11:00 a.m. Nataša Djebro, Ivana
 Djebro, Antonia Jurković

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m. M. & R. Meo, Rubio
Sun., Jan. 18, 7:30 a.m. Passi, Racinowski
Sun., Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m. Carrasco, Balazs, Mangan
Sun., Jan. 18, 11:00a.m. K. Cikoch, M. Brajković,
 A. Kraljević, A. Šušnjara, M. Kosir, N. Brčić.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Marko Karačić & Andriana Mihaljević (I)
 Jonna Stanke & Wally Phelps (I)

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Feast of the Lord's Baptism

Today's Gospel show us one of the critical moments in Jesus' life — his baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. This was a turning point in his life. Prior to this, Jesus lived the comparatively quiet and secure life of a village carpenter in Nazareth, but after his baptism, his life was never the same. He began his public life.

What Jesus did that day at the Jordan River foreshadowed the rest of his public ministry. He would not

keep himself apart from sinners. He would not wait for them to come to him. He would seek them out and befriend them. He would save them.

Most of us have known moments that have proved to be turning points in our lives. From time to time we need to examine the direction our lives have taken. It is worth contemplating that at our own baptism, we were pointed in a very



specific direction. In baptism we became disciples of Jesus. We are called to use Good to overcome Evil, and we are called to love one another.

The ultimate question for a disciple of Christ is: Am I being true to the direction in which I was pointed at my baptism?

WISDOM'S CORNER

Listening to the Holy Spirit

We might say: It's impossible!

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27).

We might say: I'm too tired!

God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30).

We might say: Nobody really loves me!

God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34).

We might say: I can't go on.

God says: My grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 91:15).

We might say: I can't figure things out.

God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6).

We might say: I can't do it.

God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13).

We might say: I'm not able.

God says: I am able (2 Corinthians 9:8).

We might say: I can't forgive myself;

God says: I forgive you (1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1).

We might say: I can't manage.

God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19).

We might say: I feel all alone.

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"This life would be much more pleasant if we could forget our worries with the same ease as we forget our blessings."

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism, which concludes the liturgical season of Christmas. This holy day celebrating Jesus' baptism reminds us of our own baptismal day. We remember our own fathers, mothers and Godparents. Perhaps we even try to recall the priest who baptized us.

Those who are parents surely remember the baptisms of their children, recalling the exact day, time, people. I ask you this: Do you remember what you promised at those baptisms? Do you recall that in the name of your children you renounced evil? You pledged to live a Christian life and to raise your children as Christians. Have you kept those vows? Vows made at the very beginning of life somehow seem to me to be the deepest and most important.

This week I met a wonderful man and his wife with whom I had a good conversation. In their eyes I could see joy, interior happiness, and peace. They told me that one of the reasons for their happiness was that their three children, all of whom are married, faithfully attend Mass on Sundays. A daughter-in-law frequently attends daily Mass before going to work. Their grandchildren are being raised as Christians. Their sons take the children to religion classes each week, and regularly visit shrines and participate in spiritual events.

These two people spoke about their children with such joy. They now live their lives in serenity because they see that their children are healthy, happy, and in possession of a deep spirituality. How beautiful!

How are you? Can you claim this happiness? What must you do to make it so?

Fraternally yours, Fr. Joe

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**The Year 2009 is the 800th year
in the life of the Franciscan Friars.**

Happy 95th Birthday

to Fr. Castimir (Timothy) Majic, who turned 95 this past Friday! We wish him joy, happiness, blessings and comfort! Fr. Castimir was ordained a Franciscan priest nearly 70 years ago in June of 1939. He resides at our Franciscan Monastery in the Hyde Park neighborhood. He is the oldest Croatian Franciscan priest in our community here in North America, as well as in our province in Europe.



Parish Council

A regular parish council meeting will be held on Monday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. All parish council members are invited to join us.

Flowers donors

The list of all flower donors to St. Jerome at Christmastime is in our bulletin this week. Thank you once again for your love and generosity. If we made any technical or misspelling mistakes, we apologize.

The Gift and Dignity of Human Life

The 36th anniversary of the Jan. 22, 1973 pro-abortion ruling of the Supreme Court looms upon us this month. Let us reflect on life and love.

God plants the seed of eternal life in each of our lives. In the secret of our mother's womb, he made each of us – a life conceived in the mystery of God's infinite love and the wonder of a husband and wife's love, which strives to reflect God's love. God planted our immortal soul in the secret of our mother's womb.

The opposite of love also occurs. More and more often in our country, especially since that 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* pro-abortion decision, the right to life is either ignored or denied to human lives who are deemed by the powerful to be sub-human. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit opens the eyes of *all* mothers of the unborn to the humanity of the life within their wombs. And let us pray that those whom society tricked into choosing abortion in the past may seek and receive the forgiveness and healing that our loving God offers them.

Our pledge for the Year of Our Lord 2009:

- ⇒ *We shall attend Sunday Mass as a family.*
- ⇒ *We shall pray every day as a family.*
- ⇒ *We shall live by example.*

Upcoming
Events



**Mark your
calendars!**

80th anniversary of "Croatian Woman"
On Saturday, February 21, the "Croatian Woman" humanitarian and cultural society of Chicago will celebrate its 80th anniversary with a special banquet at the Croatian Cultural Center. A special adbook is being prepared for this jubilee year. The organization invites its members and friends to place ads and well-wishes in this commemorative book. An ad request form is available in the back of church. Your support for the noble work of this society is deeply appreciated. For more information, call Nevenka 773 525 8571, Angela 773 931 3030, Vesna 773 348 1157 or Stoja 773 334 1475 or contact them via e-mail at: Croatian_woman@yahoo.com



St. Jerome School invites you to an evening of Beatles music with the popular band "American English." Set aside this evening: Saturday, April 18th. More info to follow.

Reserve the date for St. Jerome's Sox night at Sox park, which will be held on Wednesday, May 20, when the White Sox will play the Minnesota Twins. Tickets will soon be available. Mark your calendars!



Invitation to Prayer All parishioners are invited to participate in our Family Prayer Hour each evening in your home between 6 and 7, or as your schedules allow. We began this movement on Oct. 1st! JOIN US TODAY! MAKE A PLEDGE!

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