

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 2, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Miloslavich family
Sally Sperando Frank & Luanne Munizzi
In thanksgiving N.N.

Tuesday – Utorak, March 3, 2009

7:30 a.m. John Rozman Joe Rozman
Frano Vranjković Zdenka Sičić

Wednesday – Srijeda, March 4, 2009

7:30 a.m. Augustin Rodich M/M John Gadriks
Dujco Braovac Ivanka i Domagoj Paraga
Pat McGowan Cathi & Pete Wilkie
Carmella (Bakovich) Sheppard Stretch & El

Thursday – Četvrtak, March 5, 2009

7:30 a.m. Anka Uremović Sofija i Ivan Pastuović
Joseph Mandich Catherine & Nick Perisin
Mary & Peter Mandich Catherine & Nick Perisin

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

Friday – Petak, March 6, 2009

7:30 a.m. Ana Vidović ob. Karlo Karačić
Carmella Barbara Marian Segvich

Saturday – Subota, March 7, 2009

7:30 a.m. Tony Tadin Toni Zaninovich
Vivian Sexton Silvi & Mattie Mladenov
Na nakanu Vesna Krišto

5:30 p.m. Victoria Bujas Ann Contino
Mary Laco Frank & Luanne Munizzi
Katie Munizzi Mickey & Diane Halloran
John Risley Juliana Perisin & Charles DiCaro
Michael Wagner (health) Alfirevich family

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 8, 2009

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
Tony Tadin Giggie
Al & Millie Mucenski family
Marie Lines St. Jerome Parish Council
Deceased members of Kraslen family brothers

9:30 a.m. Mike Brcich family
Carmen, Carmella & Tommy LaPapa daughter
Clare, Peter & Tony sister Fran Sabbia
Sally Sperando M/M Michael DiVito
Carmella Barbara Anna Marie & Gene Gazzi
Dominick & Tillie Bruno Ann Brcich
Mary & Matt Brcich Brcich family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Stjepan Ivičić Rose Ivičić
Drago Lončar ob. Penavić
Ivan Škaro David & Kathy Škaro
Neda Roscich Silvi & Mattie Mladenov
Augustin Rodich ob. Stipe Tokić
Milijana Rozić Stojan Maslač
Petar i Ana Lišnić Nediljko Lišnić i ob.
Anđelko Lišnić ob. Stipe Pudar
Ivan Šimić family
Ivan Pavić kći Ivanka i ob.
Petar i Joza Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić
Petar Aleksić (5th anniversary) kći Željka i ob.
Luca Guvo (2nd anniversary) ob. Bože Guvo
Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Mar. 7, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro / Jan Ferro
Sun., Mar. 8, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi/Matt Pesce
Sun., Mar. 8, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass/Ellen Ryan
Sun., Mar. 8, 11:00 a.m. Mate Žaper, Zrinka Jureta, Marko Mamić.

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Mar 7, 5:30 p.m. Mossman, B. Wilkie, M. Wilkie.
Sun., Mar. 8, 7:30 a.m. C. Garcia, S. Garcia.
Sun., Mar. 8, 9:30 a.m. B. Nowacki, M. Nowacki, Rudmin
Sun., Mar. 8, 11:00a.m. A. Rogić, Danny Grgić, M. Kosić, Dominik Grgić, A. Puljić

For Rent

- ▶ Aptmt near 32nd & Wells – quiet building. Call 312-388-4633.
- ▶ 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 First Sunday of Lent

Lent touches something in us all. The image of Jesus fasting and praying in the desert moves us. It also forces us to examine our lives and challenges us to improve ourselves, but often our efforts at renewal do not go deep enough.

If we wish to profoundly im-



prove the outer aspects of our lives, we must first address the inner attitudes of our minds.

Renewal involves the substituting of good habits for bad ones. It calls

us to command ourselves, with God's help, and to will ourselves

to do what needs to be done. To gain willpower to do good demands a change of heart.

Spring dresses trees in new leaves, but this is possible only because in autumn the trees let go of old leaves, and in between endured the winter. We too must be willing to discard the tattered rags of sin and allow Jesus to strengthen us with his grace.

WISDOM'S CORNER

THE BEGGAR AND THE KING

Once a king was walking through the streets of the city when he came upon a beggar who asked him for money. Instead of giving him money, the king invited him to visit his palace. The beggar accepted the king's invitation.

On the appointed day, the beggar arrived at the palace and was ushered into the king's presence. As he gazed at the beautiful surroundings, he became acutely aware of his raggedy clothing and felt ashamed. His clothes were a symbol of the wretchedness of his life.

The king, an exceptionally kind man, received the beggar warmly, took pity upon him, and gave him a new suit of clothes. However, a few days later the beggar was back begging on the streets dressed in his old rags. When a servant of the king was sent to ask why he gave up his new clothes the beggar explained. To wear the good clothes would mean that he would have to live a new life. It would mean giving up the familiar life of a beggar. This he was not prepared to do. It wasn't that the new life didn't appeal to him. It was just that he knew that a change of life would be slow, uncomfortable, and not at all easy.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If you don't want the fruits of sin,
stay out of the Devil's orchard."

Silence Speaks

During this holy season of Lent, we can come to know ourselves better. What is

needed to do this? How can a person reach a loftier dimension, the greater Way, a better harmony? Perhaps it is necessary to return to the earliest days of human experience!

Have we forgotten to fast? Fasting is the center of therapy. It presents us with a challenge, and tests our ability, our spirit and our resolve. Self-denial is a part of the lives of all truly great people.

Have we forgotten the power and strength of silence? It is in silence that our thoughts are sharpened. Silence is the power behind our words.

Have we forgotten the poor? Do we help only those who help us? Are we nice only to those who are nice to us?

Have we forgotten the power of peace, even peace with those who do not like us? Do we offer our hand to everyone? Why do we withhold forgiveness of others? Give them a chance! Give others and yourself a chance to do better.

Have we forgotten the true power of prayer? Prayer heals! Prayer brings about interior change. Prayer makes us strong in days of human fragility. Let this Lent be different. Let it help us to be strong enough to bring about lasting change in ourselves. The greatest victory is the victory over oneself!

Fraternally yours,
Fr. Joe

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MARCH: UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ **CATHOLICS at the Capitol**, this Wednesday, March 4th. See additional info at the bulletin stand.
- ◆ **Parish Council** regular monthly meeting: This Monday, March 2, at 7:30 P.M.
- ◆ **Traditional bakalar dinner** organized by Club Poljica will be held at St. Jerome School on Sat., March 7. For tickets call 312 287 3454.

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE BOOKS:

Josip Novakovich moved from Croatia to the U.S. at the age of twenty. He has published a novel, *April Fool's Day* (in ten languages), three story collections (*Infidelities: Stories of War and Lust, Yolk, and Salvation and Other Disasters*) and two collections of narrative essays. His work was anthologized in Best American Poetry, the Pushcart Prize collection, and O. Henry Prize Stories. He has received the Whiting Writer's Award, a Guggenheim fellowship, two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, the Ingram Merrill Award, and an American Book Award, and he has been a writing fellow of the New York Public Library. His presentation will be Monday, March 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Goethe-Institut Chicago, 150 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 200. Presented in English and German.

St. Jerome Book club: Wednesday, March 11, at 7 pm will discuss "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See.

Lecture / presentation series
Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m., Small Hall: Presentation by Merrill Lynch experts on finances, retirement plans, investments: *"Managing the Risk of Income Planning for Retirement."* Interesting!

Lenten Lectures in this Year of St. Paul:

- ◆ **FIRST LECTURE** on one of the major figures in the New Testament: St. Paul. Presented by Sr. Anne Flanagan, Daughters of St. Paul. Presented in St. Jerome's Small Hall on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **SECOND LECTURE** by the Pauline Center for Media Studies on *The Influence, Images and Power of the Media*. By Sr. Helen Burnes. Presented in St. Jerome's Small Hall on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us. This will be very powerful.

Upcoming Musical Event

American English, a group that looks and plays much like the Beatles, will return to St. Jerome's Parish for a concert **Saturday, April 18** at the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club. Proceeds go to our School. Tickets are available this week.



Congratulations to Marco Rodriguez on receiving a national Composite score of 96 % (nationwide) for St. Lawrence High School. Marco was also named Leader/Scholar for the Class of 2013. Marco is our 8th grade student. We at St. Jerome's can't be more proud of him.

Congratulations also to our young parishioner **Anthony Ciaravino**, who has achieved National Honors and made the Dean's List for his first semester at the Arizona State University. We are proud of him as well.

Please join us for morning Masses daily during Lent at St. Jerome's ...

Keep Our Beloved Deceased in Your Prayers:

Katherine Marro, 97, passed away last Friday in Kingstown, RI. Our sincere sympathy to her son, our neighbor, Fr. Nick Marro, pastor of Santa Lucia, his brother, sister, and the entire family. Katherine was buried Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

Joseph Condic, 84, passed away last Saturday in Kalamazoo, MI. Our sympathy to his wife, Dolores, their seven children, his brothers John, Mark, Peter, Simon and sister Rosanda. Joseph was buried Friday. May he rest in peace.

CATHOLICS *at the* CAPITOL

The current transition to newly elected representatives gives rise to the need to make our presence more widely known in the public square. Thus, you are invited to attend the first *Catholics at the Capitol* Day on March 4th in Springfield.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., the Illinois Bishops as well as the various representatives of the Catholic community are inviting you to join us in Springfield to meet with our lawmakers about topics important to the Catholic community and all people of good will. The purpose of the event is to promote our Gospel values in the public square. It is clear that our voice is needed now more than ever; your active participation is vital to improving the integrity of our civic affairs.

Background fact sheets will be sent to you prior to the event as well as information about what to do once you arrive at the state capitol. **For a nominal fee transportation is being provided from Chicago.** Part of the day will include a rally with Catholic school children. There are seven legislative initiatives that are the focus of *Catholics at the Capitol*.

- legislation to increase the Education Expense Tax Credit, utilized by Catholic school parents, from \$500 to \$1000 annually;
- funding to community organizations and parishes to provide English classes to immigrants;
- legislation mandating that a woman seeking an abortion be offered the opportunity to view a sonogram before the procedure;
- opposition to legislation providing for same-sex marriage or similarly defined civil unions;
- legislation to ensure federal and state reimbursements are provided to Catholic health care and hospitals on a timely basis;
- legislation to finally abolish the death penalty;
- legislation or budgetary action to provide a cost of doing business increase for Catholic Charities and other social service providers.

Registration forms for this event can be found www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org or you can call 312-368-1066 for further information. In order to receive background material prior to the event it is helpful to register and if possible, provide an e-mail address.