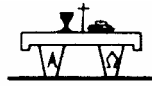


MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, May 18, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Sally & Joe Sperando family
 Patti Mestrovich Anthony & Matthew Scalise
 Gloria Caine Catherine & Nick Perisin

Tuesday – Utorak, May 19, 2009

7:30 a.m. James Gurgone wife & children
 Joseph Bogetich Pauline, Carol, Marilynn & Joe
 John Marasovich family
 Na čast Gospi ob. Milica Čosić

Wednesday – Srijeda, May 20, 2009

7:30 a.m. Tony Tadin Cathi & Pete Wilkie
 Anthony Bozich Ann Contino
 James Kiely Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Joe Cubelich Ann Contino & Debbie Kodzoman

Thursday – Četvrtak, May 21, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mary Obrzut Mrs. Mary Doria
 Franziska Mora Anica Ostojić
 Ted Haptas Roxanne & Tony Pantano

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

Friday – Petak, May 22, 2009

7:30 a.m. Augustin Rodich M/M John Hostička
 Martha Depeder John & Gen Botica
 Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
 Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce

Saturday – Subota, May 23, 2009

7:30 a.m. Frank Roti Sr. Marion
 Martin Quinn Mary Vujic
 Na odluku ob. Ivan Maroš

5:30 p.m. Nancy Babich Terri & Sam Babich
 John Foley Sr. & John & Alice Insalaco family
 Walter Wagner Wagners
 Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa, Chris
 Sally & Joe Sperando Cathi & Pete Wilkie
 Carmella Barbara Mary Fratto

Sunday – Nedjelja, May 24, 2009

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Tony Tadin Thomas & Adalaide (Mohovich) Swida
 Paul Tutt Ann Contino
 Mike Negrette Chris & Matt Pesce
 Ann Scalise Chris & Matt Pesce

9:30 a.m. Sophie Bonello Georgeann & Baldo
 Mike Brcich Gael & Bruno Bertucci
 Barry Babich M/M William Babich
 John Moravec Cathy Amato
 Michael Sullivan Mark Gusich family
 Happy Birthday, Sophie Giggie

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ante Erceg	kći Nevenka i djeca
Filip Žaper	ob. Stipe Tokić
Veselko Sivrić	ob. Stanko Šego
Ivan Štrbić	ob. Ivan Mlinarić
Jozo Udovičić	sestra Kata Pavić
Sr. Pija Jug	ob. Filipović
Marko Bašić	kći Milica Čosić s ob.
Slavka Papić	kći Sanda Čosić s ob.
Mile Lovrić	kći Vera Čosić s ob.
Barbara Draženović	Ankica i Dragan Uremović
Ljilja Grgić	Louis & Mary Scalise family
Mate i Roza Alfirević	kći Marija Mišerda
Ivo i Mare Đebro	ob. Đebro
Arnie Piechacki	Josip Novak i ob.
Pok. iz ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. iz ob. Maroš i Tokić	ob. Ivan Maroš

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., May 23, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli / Jan Ferro

Sun., May 24, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce / Matthew Pesce

Sun., May 24, 9:30 a.m. Jan Zekich / Mary Beth Insalaco

Sun., May 24, 11:00 a.m. Nataša Djebro, Mario Ivančić, Anita Kosir

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., May 16, 5:30 p.m. S. Garcia, R. Insalaco, Racinowski

Sun., May 17, 7:30 a.m. M. Mangan, Passi

Sun., May 17, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, M. Nowacki, Rudmin

Sun., May 17, 11:00 a.m. D. Paraga, M. Golub, S. Adjaip, M. Šego, Dominik Grgić, Danny Grgić

WEDDING BANNS

Eric Daley & Vanessa North (III)
 Marin Škifić & Daniela Šumera (II)
 Ivan Zeba & Malgorzata (Maggie) Goryl (I)

For Rent

- ▶ 4 room apt. Appliances included. 3442 Emerald. Call Lynn at 773 254 2836 after 5 p.m.
- ▶ 5 rm apt. 29th Shields, 1&1/2bdrms, central heat/AC, hardwood flr, appl. incl. 312 593 2864
- ▶ 1 bdrm apt. Call John: 312-316-8366.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Gospel today reminds us of a command Christ gave his followers: "Love one another as I have loved you." It was God who first loved us. As we call to mind God's love for us in Christ, let us also call to mind that our response to that love is to love one another.

Christians must love one another because love comes from God. God is Love. God has

shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Loving one another as Jesus loved us is a prime way we can know and share in God's life.

When we love one another as Jesus loved us, the gap between us and God narrows.



Because we are made in God's image, each of us has an innate capacity for love. However, for this to happen, the heart has to be right. Sometimes we have to heal the wounds of our heart

in order to be able to produce the fruits of love. The image of God is brightest when we love as Jesus loved us.

WISDOM'S CORNER

When we love

Once there was a young man who was having doubts about the existence of God, so he paid a visit to a monk known for his holiness. He asked the monk, "Do you believe in God?" "Yes, I do," the monk answered. "On what evidence do you believe?" the young man queried. "I believe in God because I know him," came the reply. "I experience his presence within me every day."

"But how is that possible?" the youth asked.

"When we love, we experience God, and doubt vanishes like early morning mist before the sun," replied the monk.

The youth thought about this for a while, then asked, "How can I achieve this kind of certainty?"

"By acts of love," came the monk's response. "Try to love your neighbors. Love them actively and unceasingly. As you learn to love them more and more, you will become more and more convinced of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. This is the true way."

The monk was only echoing the words of St. John: "My dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"God, who is Love, is the best teacher we have."

Dear friends,

When I was a theology student, the Franciscans trained us by telling us that each person must do some spiritual reading

every day in order to keep the spirit healthy! People today take in much information and somehow that information forms them. Why does spiritual reading matter? The reading of spiritual literature such as texts of wisdom, the classic works of the spiritual fathers, the lives of the saints, or modern literature that renews a person's spirituality indicates that a person cares about the state of his or her spirituality.

It also reveals to us that there is something that will enlighten our reality, something that will give us a true vision of what is what, who is who, and how and what to choose in life. Why is this important? Because of the fact that today, when everyone is vying for our attention, trying to contact us, and to influence our thoughts, we must have sound guidelines. So many people are trying to persuade us to watch certain TV programs or visit their web sites. They all dangle various tempting attractions before us and tell us, "Come here." There are millions of offers—so very many that in order for a person to remain himself, to be true to himself, calm and collected, he must ignore those numerous attractions, look away from the daily temptations of the world and all its invitations to distraction, and enter into the realm of his spirit where there is silence, peace and wisdom. In that sacred place we will become aware of that which is lasting, eternal and worthwhile. Then we can re-enter the world. Renounce those temptations. We know who we are. Guard your family. Teach your children. Beware of temptation and evil, and resist the emptiness of glamour. Therefore, spiritual reading truly means a return to oneself.

Fr. Joe / JGrbes@gmail.com



The Year 2009 is the 800th year in the life of the Franciscan Friar family.

CONFIRMATION

We congratulate our 53 newly confirmed young parishioners! **Bishop John Manz** conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation at our 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass this weekend. We congratulate the newly confirmed, their sponsors, parents, and family members. We rejoice with them and trust that the power of the Holy Spirit will continue to transform their lives.



David Albert Ahumada	Alyssa Monica Malon
Juliana Irene Amoruso	Alicia Nicole
Rudi Michael Bandemer	Marinopoulos
Renada Gemma	Lindsey Bridget
Bakovich	Maynard
Kira Catherine Bezak	Rianna Antoinetta Meo
Anthony Blaz Brcic	Daniel John Miller
Anthony Daniel Brodian	Krista Evelyn
Brian Alejandro	Miloslavich
Carrasco	Brandon Gabriel
Matthew Phillip Castillo	Mitchell
Madeline Anne Ecklund	Marguerite Victoria
Francesca Isabella	Nowacki
Fasula	Alexis Julia Ochoa
Chloe Michelle Garcia	Tristan Angelo Ochoa
Sara Grace Garcia	Maranda Guadalupe
Frank Christopher	Palacios
Glowacki	Frank Peter Passi
Dominic Joseph	Jessie Teresa Racinowski
Grassano	Dante Dante Rangel
Ines Agnes Grepo	Gabriele Cecilia
Elizabeth Ann Gurgone	Rodriguez
Francesco Vincent	Marco Raphael
Guttillo	Rodriguez
Jessica Elizabeth	Ante Rafael Rogic
Hozzian	Cristian Michael Rosas
Pablo Matthias Iglesias	Alexandra Amelia
Rebecca Ann Insalaco	Rudmin
Domagoj Alojzije Jureta	Daniel Nicholas Sabbia
Hrvoje Nikola Juric	Taro Santos Salinas
Ivana Emma Kosir	Steven Ivan Spehar
Kristina Victoria Kozina	Bryan Michael
Adriana Tereza Kraljevic	Villasenor
Nicolette Theresa	Barbara Catherine
LoCoco	Wilkie
William Damian Luce	Antonia Monica Zaper

The Chicago White Sox, together with St. Jerome's, presents "St. Jerome Night" on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Come enjoy a beautiful evening of fellowship, and hopefully a victory over the Twins. Tickets are only \$20.00 each — bring the whole family! Very few tickets left!

PARISH STATISTICS

A few years ago we asked our parishioners to complete a survey for our parish records. The majority of parishioners responded. Today in our bulletin you can see a short analysis of this information. It is truly interesting.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 28th anniversary Medjugorje Mass in our church Thurs., June 25, 7 p.m. Fr. Charles Becker, of the Chicago Archdiocese, will preside.



PRAYER FROM THE HEART: One of our parish families prays this beautiful prayer during the 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. time recommended for family prayer:

*God, our Father,
walk through my house
and take away all my worries and illnesses;
and please watch over and heal my family
in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

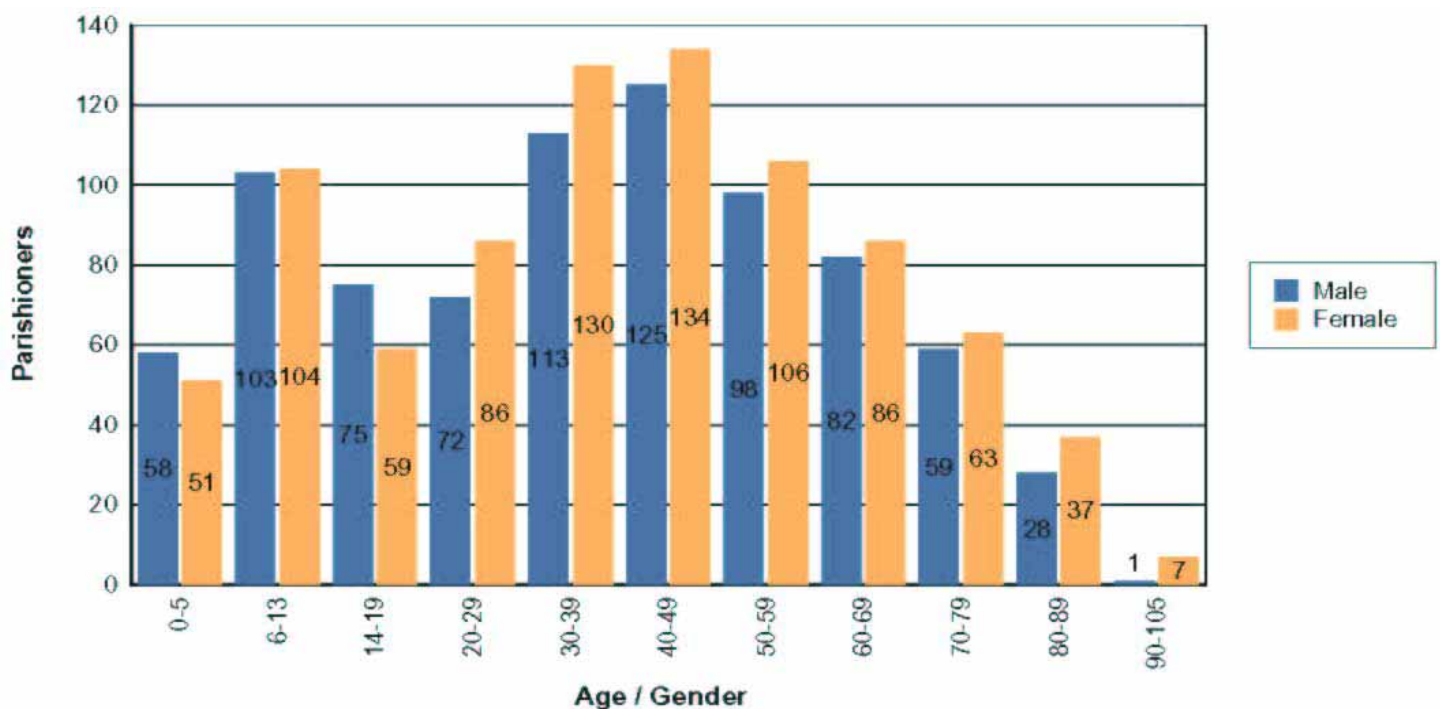
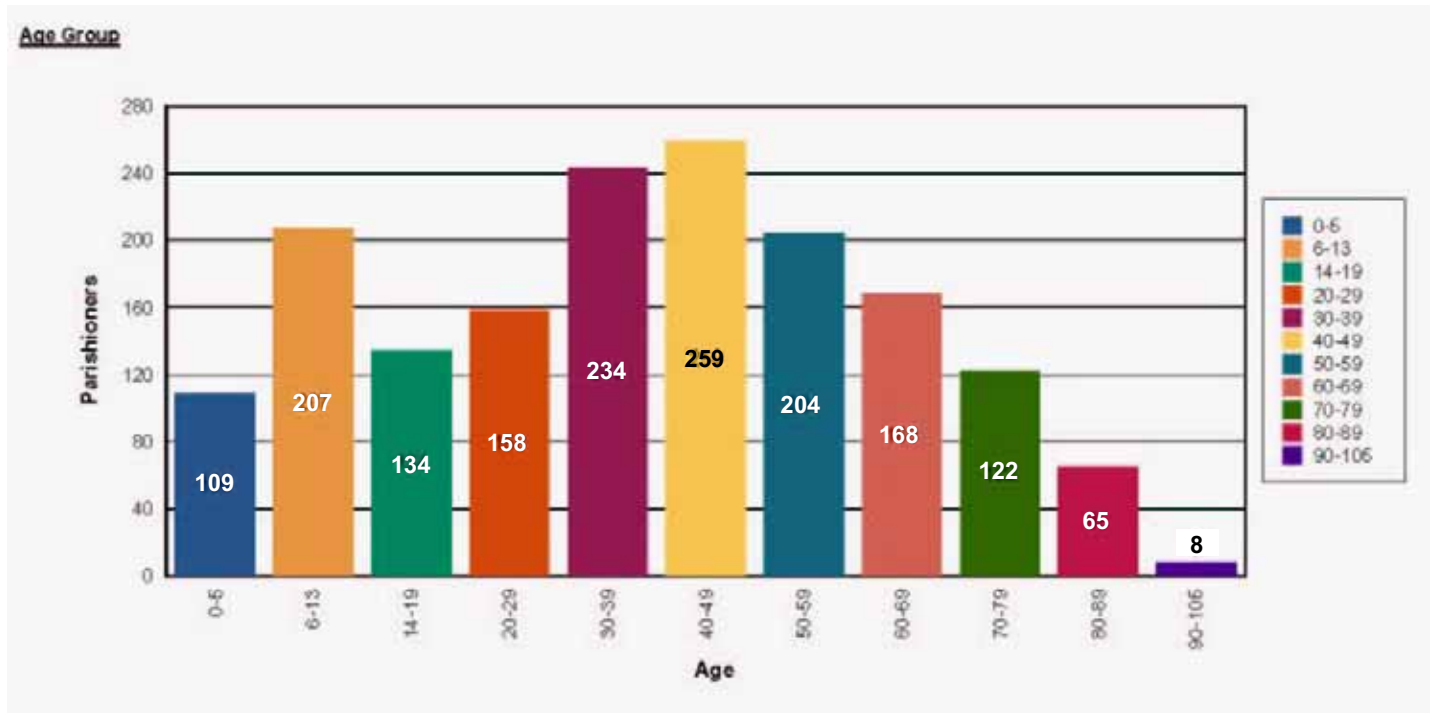
St. Jerome School Scholarships

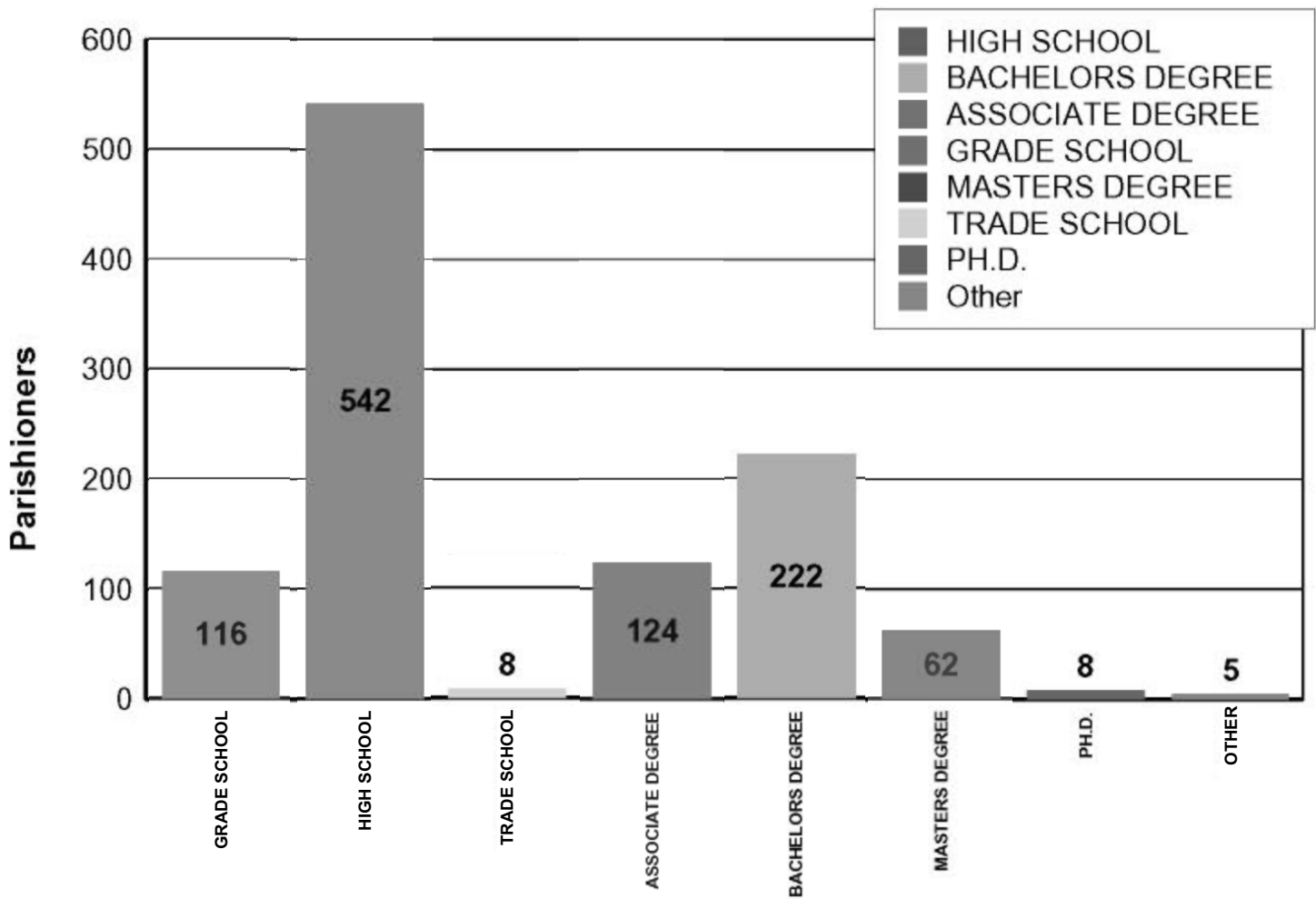
Because many families are going through difficult times these days, St. Jerome's has established the *St. Jerome School Anthony P. Tadin Scholarship* to help families in need continue to send their children to our school. The scholarship guidelines are being finalized. It is our goal to offer some financial aid to our students in need of assistance for the next school year. We welcome gifts and donations, and thank you for considering helping St. Jerome School students who might otherwise be unable to continue their education with us. Checks can be made out to St. Jerome School Scholarship Fund and may be mailed to the rectory at 2823 S. Princeton Ave. Thank you for your generous hearts.

We recently received a gift \$3,000.00 from an anonymous donor to whom we are sincerely grateful.

St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish

Here is a snapshot of statistics from our computer program that holds our current information about our registered parishioners.





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