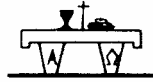


**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, September 7, 2009**

7:30 a.m. James Markelz	Joe Segvich
Dominic Bertucci	Debbie Kodzoman
Na nakanu za djecu	Ana Kelava

**Tuesday – Utorak, September 8, 2009**  
**Birthday celebration of Our Lady – Mala Gospa**

7:30 a.m. Maria Rose Pacelli	Gazzi family
Mary Brown (health)	dear sister

**Wednesday – Srijeda, September 9, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Frank Fratto	family
Gus Rodich	Frank Kotarac
Nizetich family	Mike & Christine Nizetich
Josie Hanson	Stretch & El

**Thursday – Četvrtak, September 10, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Antonia Grgurina	Maria Diacci
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**Friday – Petak, September 11, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Joseph Valenti	family
Ann Marasovich	Marasovich family

**Saturday – Subota, September 12, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Eva Balich	family
Dinka Ključarić	Maria Diacci

5:30 p.m. Dujo Braovac	Ralph & Judi Morandi
Michael Phillips	Mary Fratto
Carol Hagemann	Angelina Szatkowski
Rose Liberti	Pete & Sandy Schurla
Josephine Hanson	Mary Fratto

**Sunday – Nedjelja, September 13, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić	Duško
Deceased of Kraslen family	brothers
John Mladinov family	family

9:30 a.m. Ralph Madia	Giggie
Sally Sperando	M/M Carmen Levato
Anthony Vulich	Florence Kukulka
Josie Hanson	Ken, Jan & John Zekich
Carmella (Dolly) Caponigro	Cathy Amato

**11:00 a.m. u spomen**

Dujo Braovac	kći Dragica Pavić
Dujo Braovac	Jason i Katarina Morandi
Robert Jurlina	Jurlina family
Janja i Jure Mišić	Ivan i Iva Karačić
Ljilja Grgić	Andrija Vasilj
Lucija Prša	Josip i Kata Bajzec
Antonia Grgurina	Albina Pauletić
Mijo Magličić	sin i ob.
Stjepan Pavlečić	ob. Armić
Jure Sičić	Zdenka Sičić
Petar Tokić	Agnes Rodich family
Pok. iz ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. iz ob. Dragice Karačić	Dragica i ob.
Pok. iz ob. Novak i Lijović	Mario i Dubravka Ivančić i ob.

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m.** Jan Ferro/ Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Sept. 13, 7:30 a.m.** Rosemary Brcich / Matthew Pesce  
**Sun., Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass  
**Sun., Sept. 13, 11:00 a.m.** Andjela Bajić, Kristiana Jurković, Anita Kosir

## ALTAR SERVERS:

**Sat., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m.** Garcia, B. Wilkie, M. Wilkie  
**Sun., Sept. 13, 7:30 a.m.** M. Meo, R. Meo  
**Sun., Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m.** Bova, K. Mangan, M. Mangan  
**Sun., Sept. 13, 11:00 a.m.** A. Barun, A. Rogić, L. Kutleša, M. Šego, A. Puljić

**BANNS OF MATRIMONY**

Kelly Vari & Anthony Bifano (III)  
 Nediljko Lišnić & Regina Grigaliuniene (II)  
 Jessica Wilson & Matthew Amedeo (I)

## For Rent

- ▶ A large 2 bedroom apt with 4-season room, large remodeled kitchen and bathroom, 3 blocks from orange line, 30th & Emerald. No pets. Security deposit. 312 404 4609
- ▶ 5 rm apt. 29<sup>th</sup> Shields, 1&1/2bdrms, central heat/AC, hardwood flr, appl. incl. 312 593 2864

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We read in today's Gospel about the trouble Jesus went to on behalf of the deaf and mute man, and the care with which he dealt with him.

This miracle has great relevance for most of us not *because* we are physically deaf or mute, but because most of us *do* have the gifts of hearing and speech. The

fact that we possess these gifts, however, doesn't guarantee that we use them as we should.

A fate worse than being deaf is to have well-functioning ears and *refuse* to hear, or to have an able tongue but refuse to speak. We need the Lord's healing touch if we are to use these

gifts well.

A person could have perfect hearing, and yet not listen to the word of God, or have perfect speech, but refuse to make an act of faith.

As the Parable of the Sower reminds us, the word of God, when heard and acted upon, is like a seed falling on good soil; it makes our lives fruitful.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Precious Gifts

The gift of hearing is a precious gift,

But it is only with the heart that we can hear rightly.

The cry of a needy person may reach our ears, but unless it reaches our heart, we will not feel the person's pain, and it is unlikely that we will respond.

The gift of speech is a precious gift, but again it is only with the heart that we can speak rightly.

For our words to ring true, they must come from the heart.

If they come only from the lips, they will have a hollow sound and will have a likewise superficial effect.

They will be like a wind that ruffles the surface of the water but leaves the depths untouched.

Words that come from the heart can enter someone else's heart.

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Words are the voice of the heart."

*The Year 2009  
is the 800th year in  
the life of the Francis-  
can Friar family.*



### The Wounds of Christ on St. Francis's body

Francis was a man of prayer. Perhaps his greatest moment of ecstatic and mystical prayer took place on La Verna, a mountain miles north of Assisi. There, some two years before he died, he was in prayer during the month of September in 1224. A seraph (which is one of the highest types of angels) appeared to him in the form of a crucified man. Two wings met above the head, two covered the rest of the body to the feet, and two were spread as in flight. From this time on Francis bore the marks of the wounds of Christ on his own body, on his hands, feet and side.

Francis tried to conceal these marks, but they did become known to his brothers and perhaps some others close to him. Much has been written about this stigmata of Francis and rightfully so. Those who prayerfully accept this transformation in the body of Francis, recognize the value of the external marks. The marks brought to the surface what Francis most dearly treasured within himself — his being one with the crucified but risen Christ. Francis wanted the mystery within himself to be proclaimed, but feared that some might be attracted to only the external signs. The true follower of Francis accepts the external signs as a way of entering more deeply into the mystery of Christ, which all the baptized bear within themselves. "Henceforth, let no one trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body." (Galatians 6:17)

### Marriage Anniversaries Mass is Sept. 20th

In these days when so much of society is making it difficult to have a healthy family life, it is especially important to celebrate major anniversaries of married couples — couples of all ages — from the 5th and 10th and 15th anniversaries up through the 50th and 55th and beyond. If you were married sacramentally in a year ending in 4 or 9, please call the Rectory as soon as possible to register your name and come to the 9:30 Mass Sept. 20.

### Club Polijca is proud to sponsor a Klapa

"Lisnjak" concert at St. Jerome's on Saturday, September 26. Klapa "Lisnjak" is a traditional "a cappella" group visiting us from Split. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. in the Church, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Tickets for the Klapa "Lisnjak" performance are only \$15, and are going fast. Please contact Louis, 312-287-3454, or Julie, 312-497-1075, for tickets or more information. *We're looking forward to a memorable evening full of Croatian singing and fun – we hope you can join us!*

## Events Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 12 — first day of Croatian School.

Sunday, Sept. 20 — Croatian Day at Toyota Soccer Park, Chicago Fire vs. Columbus Crew, tickets only \$20. Purchase at Rectory.

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 26-27 before & after Masses — the Little Bethlehem organization will be selling olive-wood religious carvings made by Christians in the Holy Land, with portion of proceeds helping those persecuted people avoid becoming refugees.

Friday, Oct. 9 — Respect for Life Mass, celebrated by Bishop Gustavo with the young people of our deanery, at St. Jerome's Church

Sunday, Oct. 25—Fashion Show by Croatian Woman organization at the Holiday Inn Mart, Chicago

### ONIAI Memorial Mass

The Old Neighborhood Italian American Club and Women's Alliance will honor their 230 deceased members at the Annual Memorial Mass on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Santa Lucia Church. After the Mass dinner will be served at ONIAI (3031 S. Shields). All are welcome.

St. Barbara *Oktoberfest* is a family event with fun for all ages on Sunday, Sept. 27, 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. This event includes grilled food, music and games. Free admission!

### St. Jerome CCD Program Registration

Registration for St. Jerome's CCD program will be on **Sunday, Sept. 13**, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 20, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. We would like to emphasize to parents the importance of the duty to help our young people know their faith so that they may better know and love God. A reminder: Our next Confirmation will be in Spring 2011. Candidates for Confirmation must attend 2 years of CCD classes prior to that.

### Are You Ready for Some Football?

St. Jerome School is again sponsoring **Football Mania**, our most successful fundraiser of the year! Our Football Mania Raffle is exciting for participants because each \$20 ticket has an equal chance of winning one of six weekly prizes totaling \$900. Tickets are on sale and are valid for the entire 17 week season. Football Mania is fun and affordable and helps support our school! Get in the game and get your tickets now! To purchase tickets contact, Jan Ferro 312-225-9751 or Pauline Dengler 312-375-5416

## LADO in Chicago

What makes the LADO Croatian Folklore Ensemble unique?

- ◆ They are 34 professional performers who both dance and sing at the highest level of artistic quality.
- ◆ They include 14 virtuoso musicians who play 50 different traditional instruments.
- ◆ The vibrant colors and striking beauty of Croatian traditional costumes.
- ◆ They have held in the past 60 years more than 5,000 concerts in more than 48 countries.

This world class folklore group from Croatia will present a spectacular performance in Millennium Park's new Harris Theatre on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at the following web site [www.harristheaterchicago.org](http://www.harristheaterchicago.org).

**Tickets are also available here at St. Jerome's Rectory at a discount of 15% until September 15. After that they will be full price.** For more information visit [www.peer97.com](http://www.peer97.com).