

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 27, 2010
St. John the Evangelist – Sveti Ivan, apostol

7:30 a.m. Margaret Marcello Pace family
 Ante Kraljević (17th Anniv.) ob. Duško Kraljević
 Pok. ob. Bugarija i Lenkić braća Bugarija

Tuesday – Utorak, December 28, 2010
Holy Innocents – Nevina dječica

7:30 a.m. Rose Piegari John & Marge
 Health of nephew Duško Čondić
 Na čast Gospe Sinjske Iva Maroš

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 29, 2010

7:30 a.m. Maryann Roti Marion
 Rose Capinegro Marion
 Catherine Munizzi Frank & Luanne
 Laraine Kienzle Joe & El Grzetich

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 30, 2010

7:30 a.m. Helen Rak Laura & John Perseghin
 Michele Spadafina Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Thanksgiving to Gospa Sinjska C. Borovina

Friday – Petak, December 31, 2010
New Year's Eve – Stara Godina

7:30 a.m. Ivan & Ana Vrdoljak Cathy and Andrew
 Jago Soldo family
 Bill Latyak John & Marge
 Grandmother Madeline Perseghin family

6:00 p.m. MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR 2010
 Maria Gazzi Gazzi family

Saturday – Subota, January 1, 2011
Mary, Mother of God – B.D.M., Bogorodica

7:30 a.m. Carmella Barbara children

9:30 a.m. John Rak Geri & Michael Alebich
 Deceased of Peso family family
 Dec. of Botica & Hanson fams. Michele & Brian

11:00 a.m. Stana Erceg Nevenka Juković i ob.
 Robert Jurlina Jurlina family

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 2, 2011

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Frances Pintoy Ann Contio
 John "Ish" Botica Gen & family
 John Pavella Patricia & Andy Sperando
 Ronald Weindorfer Diana Martinez

9:30 a.m. Frank Balestri
 Millie Balich
 Charles Rogulich
 Maria & Jose Tadeo
 Barbara Willis

Rose Marie Sestito
 Bruno & Gael Bertucci
 Mr. & Mrs. Hadley
 Majić family
 St. Jerome 2nd Grade

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josipa Belan
 Vinka Kraljević
 Helen Rak
 Fra Hrvoslav Ban
 Manda Markić
 Ljubica Zeba
 Jerko i Iva Perić
 Ankica Gulan
 Kata Hrvojević
 Pok. ob. Čondić
 Pok. ob. Bajzec

ob. Stanko Šego
 Stipe Tokić i ob.
 Jela Kutleša
 Pavo i Kata Hrkać
 Pavo i Kata Hrkać
 Marko Zeba i ob.
 ob. Perić
 sestra Ivanka Perić i ob.
 Ivan i Vesna Mlinarić
 Duško
 Josip i Kata Bajzec

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

New Year's Eve, 6:00 p.m. Mary Fratto / Jan Ferro
New Year's, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce / Rosemary Brcich
New Year's, 9:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi, Diane
 Krolo/Ellen Ryan
Nova Godina, 11:00 a.m. Ivanka Paraga, Ozana
 Paraga, Kristina Hrvojević
Sun., Jan. 2, 7:30 a.m. R. Brcich / R. Brcich
Sun., Jan. 2, 9:30 a.m. Sonia Antolec /
Sun., Jan. 2, 11 a.m. Petar Dušević, Zrinka Jureta,
 Marko Mamić

ALTAR SERVERS:

New Year's Eve, 6:00 p.m. Mossman, Rubio, Wilkie
New Year's, 7:30 a.m. J. Moreno, N. Moreno
New Year's, 9:30 a.m. Ciambrone, K. Mangan, N.
 Mangan
Nova Godina, 11:00 a.m. Danny Grgić, I. Paraga, L.
 Kosić, I. Jureta, M. Kosić, K. Šego
Sun., Jan. 2, 7:30 a.m. Babich, Balazs
Sun., Jan. 2, 9:30 a.m. Nowacki, Perseghin,
 Wroblewski
Sun., Jan. 2, 11 a.m. M. Brajković, L. Kutleša, A.
 Puljić, M. Kosir, M. Golub, J. Dugandžić

For Rent:

- ▶ **Apt. 32nd & Princeton**, 3 rooms. 312-225-7459
- ▶ **Apt. 2-Bedroom**, Dining Room, front room and kitchen. Please call 312-493-5588.
- ▶ **Apt. 29th & Shields**, 4 room, 2 bdrms, newly remodeled. Call 312 225 2952.
- ▶ **Apt. 3030 S. Princeton**, 3rd flr., rear, 4 room, 2 bdrms, 1 bath, fully remodeled, hardwood flrs, stove & fridge, 312-671-0308

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Feast of the Holy Family

Family

On this last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are here to offer our own families and all the members of our parish family on the altar for God's blessing.

The Church encourages us to look to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that he might grow up not only in human knowledge but also be honored for his dignity as the Son of God.

Each family is called to holiness. By the sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family.

The husband and wife attain holiness when they devote themselves their duties faithfully, while trusting in God's supernatural help, opening their hands to the gifts God knows that they truly need..

WISDOM'S CORNER

*A look behind the song
"The 12 Days of Christmas"*

One of the most popular songs of the Christmas season is "The 12 Days of Christmas." Probably originally a French song, this song is thought to have been used as a secret catechism song by the Catholics of England when the Catholic Faith was under severe persecution in the 1500s. During the years 1528 to 1829, Catholics were not allowed to practice their faith openly. Even today, the interesting hidden meaning of the lyrics can help children, and adults, review the basic truths of the Faith:

"My true love gave to me"
= God's Love gave to me.

- "A partridge in a pear tree" = God's only Son, Jesus, amid wood — of the manger & cross
- "2 turtle doves" = the Old and New Testaments
- "3 French hens" = the revelation that God is a Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- "4 calling birds" = the 4 evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- "5 golden rings" = the Bible's first 5 books, the Pentateuch
- "6 geese a-laying" = the 6 days of creation
- "7 swans a-swimming" = the 7 Sacraments
- "8 maids a-milking" = the 8 Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount
- "9 ladies dancing" = the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22)
- "10 lords a-leaping" = the Ten Commandments
- "11 pipers piping" = the 11 faithful Apostles
- "12 drummers drumming" = the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
"May we unwrap and use the gifts
that God is seeking to give us."

How is Jesus approaching me today?

The possibilities open to people to get in touch with one another and to communicate are extremely varied in this 21st century after the birth of Christ: telephones, cell phones and texting, the Internet, faxes and old-fashioned letters, etc. For those with a big budget, there are billboards, commercials, ads, press releases and mass mailings that can connect with a massive number of people. *But how does one get in touch with God?* What channels are there for that divine encounter in the 21st Century?



It is possible to encounter Christ fruitfully in many ways:

In church: Each church, whether it is new or several centuries old, is a testimony of a praying community's faith in the Holy Trinity. The praying community itself is a part of the Mystical Body of Christ.

In the poor: Be they materially or spiritually poor, the poor can show the face of Christ. Jesus says: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

In the Gospel: Christ is constantly present the Gospels. The Bible is not a collection of historical booklets that merely record and make sense of historical facts: the Bible is the Word of God, the Living Word of God. The Gospel is not only the Good News of Jesus Christ, but also an encounter with him.

In prayer and in Christ-centered meditation: If people pray with their lips or hearts and then are silent before God, listening, they can encounter Christ. The Holy Spirit will lead them into the heart of the Church, into deep union with Christ, the head of the Church.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation: God's merciful forgiveness can be experienced and effected here as nowhere else.

In the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist: Jesus is continually with us spiritually, but he desires to be with us in his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity (the same way he is present in Heaven, since his Ascension). The whole Risen Christ comes to be with us at Holy Eucharist. In communion he unites with those faithful to him.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta profoundly appreciated the unity of our encounters with Christ when she said: "When I look at the Most Holy Eucharist, I think about the poor, and when I see the poor, I think about the Most Holy Eucharist."

Thank you with our whole heart!

- ◆ Dear friends, thank you for all the times we have been together in Advent and now in this Christmas season!
- ◆ Thank you for all of your gifts to our parish. With these gifts, you unselfishly help the life of our parish community. May God abundantly reward you!
- ◆ Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts to us, your priests, during this holy season, and for your generous love!
- ◆ Thank you for making it a priority to participate in our celebrations, concerts, programs and events.
- ◆ A special thank you to everyone who in this busy past week found time to help in the cleaning that prepared our church for these glorious days. Thank you for your time, effort and devotion.
- ◆ Our particular gratitude goes out to Louis Scalise and Kenny Zekich for festively decorating our church. Their devotion helps lift up all our hearts to give glory to God!
- ◆ Thank you to all of you who donated for the lively flowers adorning our church these Christmas feast days.
- ◆ For all that you have done in the weeks before Christmas. Thank you for responding so generously to the invitation to buy gifts for needy children.
- ◆ For all those who gave, and continue to donate, winter clothing and blankets for the homeless: Thank you! Your response to this undertaking has been truly impressive and gratefully received.
- ◆ We are especially grateful for your Christian witness of love and faith in Christ our Lord. Together we go forward in that faith into 2011!

Christmas blessings with love
from your Franciscan friars,
Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan

New Year's Eve Celebration

St. Jerome Hall

on December 31st at 8:00 p.m.

*Tickets are \$50 for adults,
\$25 for youth up to 21 years old,
children under 10 are free!*

*For tickets please call
Nevenka at 773-450-2811, or
Snježana at 773-387-3949.*

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

Old & Beautiful

As we approach our celebration of 100 years of St. Jerome, we are working on our parish archives. Our goal is to sort all the documents and to make the whole project digitalized. We have some professionals to help us out. I think this will be a uniquely amazing project. We would like to ask you to share with us any old photos, books, films, documents, community events, your personal family photos or documents that are connected to St. Jerome. *Thank you very much for your help.*

We are still accepting winter clothing and blankets for the homeless. Unfortunately many of the homeless are without adequate coats and blankets. If you can donate old coats and blankets, they would appreciate it.

Please pick up your Parish Calendar for 2011 in the back of the church. We are grateful to Michael Coletta Jr. and the Coletta funeral home for making our parish calendars available free, and we join him and his family in honoring his late father, Michael, and his late uncle, Morrie, who both gave so much of themselves to our families in times of mourning.

Big raffle

The Croatian soccer Club is holding its New Year's Big Raffle:

- ◆ *First prize: \$10,000.00*
- ◆ *Second prize: \$5,000.00*
- ◆ *Third prize: \$2,500.00*

Tickets are \$100.00. You can purchase them at the rectory.