

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 20, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Terry Johnson Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Eleanor Madia Mary and Thad Doria
 Bessie Perisin Ray Perisin
 Sam Biamonte Ki

Tuesday – Utorak, December 21, 2010

7:30 a.m. Helen Rak John Trutin family
 Millie Balich Disa DeGrazia
 Marija Lisnich Stephens Mara i Stanko Šušnjara
 John Rak Joan Sipich

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 22, 2010

7:30 a.m. Marija Ujčić Maria Diacci
 Frank Reda Luanne & Frank Munizzi
 Julia Battaglia Club Poljica
 Ron Santo Stretch & El

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 23, 2010

7:30 a.m. John Rak Cathy Grcevic
 Josip Lišnić ob. Mara i Stanko Šušnjara
 Zaboravljene duše Hrvata u čistilištu Anica Ostojić

Friday – Petak, December 24, 2010

7:30 a.m. Rose Polacek Gen & +John Botica
 Angie Girona (14th Anniv.) family
 Dec. of Marasovich family family

5:00 p.m. Mary Grace Zekich Big brother John
 Uncle Luka Botica Ken, Jan & John Zekich
 Joe & Jean Zekich Ken, Jan & John Zekich
 John "Ish" Botica Ken, Jan & John Zekich
 Peter Perisin wife & family
 Barbara McMahon Foley family
 Helen Rose & Lucky Olson granddaughter Karli
 Ralph Ferro granddaughter Karli
 Mary Jean & Donald Gillespie niece Karli
 Tommy Hostička, Steve & Lenny Bajić ob. Hostička
 Dec. of Babich, Iozzo & Fratto fam. Terri & Sam Babich

12 Midnight Pro populo: for all parishioners, living & deceased

**Saturday – Subota, December 25, 2010
Christmas / Božić**

7:30 a.m. Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 Carmella Barbara children
 Visko & Clara Cecich family
 Mary DiPasquale family
 William & Mary Catizone children & grandchildren
 Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa & Chris
 James Gurgone wife
 John Mladinov family family
 Mandich family Mandich family

9:30 a.m. Nick LoCoco family
 Maria Ann Gazzi Gazzi family
 Thomas & Mary Byrnes Gazzi family
 Gene & Ruth Gazzi Gazzi family
 Fr. Marko Kozina Marasovich girls
 Joseph & Millie Bogetich family
 Michael Coletta family
 Dec. of Krolo family Diane Krolo
 Dec. of Bozich & Cerina families Vera & family

11:00 a.m. Ema Novak
 Ivo Lijović
 Robert Jurlina
 Ivan Babić
 Rafo Rogić
 Josip Lišnić
 Ruža Zeba
 Stipo i Ivo Grgić
 Ivan Guvo
 Pok. ob. Lončar
 Pok. ob. Zelić
 Pok. ob. Brajković

Josip i Anđa Novak
 Josip i Anđa Novak
 family
 Valeria Babić
 Željka i obitelj
 Marija i djeca
 Ivan Zeba i obitelj
 Ivan Zeba i obitelj
 Bože i ob.
 Ante i Anica Lončar
 ob. Zelić
 Neva Zelić i ob.

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 26, 2010

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Nick Calace Anthony & P. Contino
 Lina Degrato Nancy & Bob Link
 Dec. of Dengler family Gene & Emily Dengler
9:30 a.m. Mike Brcich family
 Frank Balestri Louis & Mary Scalise
 Millie Balich Bruno & Gael Bertucci
 John & Mary Harzich daughter Joan Sipich
 Edwin Partyka Cindy & Don Benedyk & fam.

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Magda Trajkova obitelj
 Josipa Belan Jure Krpan i ob.
 Vinka Kraljević Duje Baković
 Stjepan i Dragica Hrkać Pavo i Kata Hrkać
 Fra Mladen Hrkać Pavo i Kata Hrkać
 Tony Barun Pavo i Kata Hrkać
 Ivan Zeba Mark Zeba i ob.
 Jozo Erkapić ob. Tomislav Erkapić
 Ante i Mara Pavelić Bože Guvo
 Mara Runac ob. Ante Runac
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. ob. Bulić Josip i Kata Bajzec
 Pok. ob. Maroš i Tokić Ivan i Iva Maroš

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m. St. Jerome schoolchildren
Midnight Mass/Polnočka N. Madjer, kor: psalam, J. Jureta
Christmas, 7:30 a.m. B. Kenny, V. Kenny/R. Brcich
Christmas, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo, Julie Perisin/Matt Pesce
Božić, 11:00 a.m. Snježana Šego, Petar Dušević
Sun., Dec. 26, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi/Rosemary Brcich
Sun., Dec. 26, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Dec. 26 11 a.m. Darko Grgić, Ivan Jukić, Andela Bajić

ALTAR SERVERS:

Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m. Balazs, Insalaco, Perseghin
Midnight Mass/ Polnočka A. Barun, K. Šego, M. Brajković, F. Barun, J. Dugandžić
Christmas, 7:30 a.m. Bova, Meo
Christmas, 9:30 a.m. Ciabrone, Nowacki, J. Moreno
Christmas, 11 a.m. I. Jureta, T. Čuvalo, M. Kosir, L. Kutleša
Sun., Dec. 26, 7:30 a.m. Balazs, Wroblewski
Sun., Dec. 26, 9:30 a.m. Mossman, J. Moreno, N. Moreno
Sun., Dec. 26, 11:00 a.m. M. Brajković, N. Brčić, Dominik Grgić, A. Puljić, T. Čuvalo, A. Ledić

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Joseph and us

What a beautiful saint is highlighted for us in this Christmas season: St. Joseph of Nazareth! His life invites us to three realities:

- ◆ To trust in God
- ◆ To listen to Him
- ◆ To be faithful in carrying out God's will.

Although we may face financial problems, job insecurity, tensions in the family and health concerns, let us try to be trusting and faithful like St. Joseph.

Instead of relying on our own schemes to get us through life, let us trust in God; let us be strengthened

by fervent prayer and by reading the Bible (through which we talk and listen to Him); and by being faithful to His will (carried out with power from the Sacraments that we receive).

May St. Joseph's entire life of silence and humility inspire us as well.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Advent reconciliation (2)

Before we pray, before we dream, before we can witness to God's love, we do well to be part of a circle, a single unbroken circle, a wide, opening circle.

Let us spend time for a few moments thinking about our lives' circles. Questions to think about during this time of reflection: How have others hurt you, and caused you to leave or run away from a circle? How have you hurt others and forced them out of a circle?

What is your hurt, your wound, and your pain? In the silence of your heart, please reflect as you prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation.

We ask for forgiveness of one another as children of God, as friend to friend. Too many times, we have judged one another, condemning those whose hearts we do not know. We ask forgiveness for assuming we know all there is to know about each other, for labeling, for condemning, for judging in a way reserved for God alone, who alone knows our hearts, who knows our hearts better than we possibly can.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"May this Advent season be a time for bringing Jesus' hope, transformation and fulfillment into our lives."

Toward Him...

Dear friends,

Christmas is coming, such a beautiful time to reflect, to ponder, to deepen our faith, relationships, love... Christmas always make us come out of ourselves and do something for others. We share with you our reflection...

Christmas is an active holiday with a lot of songs, joyful events, gifts, get-togethers, families around the table. It is a holiday when the whole world is celebrating something. Something big.

But Christmas, the true Christmas, is in fact a quiet event in Bethlehem. One mother and a child. The true Christmas communicates a message of simplicity and humbleness. It reminds us that, "For a happy life, very little is needed":

- People who love us unconditionally.
- God, who is present in our midst and with whom we feel safe. We know that he has control over our lives.
- Those very few things that we really need for everyday life. Things should always be instruments; things should not be the goals.

Wherever we find ourselves this Christmas, let us embrace these simple realities of the true Christmas. Simplicity of heart with small needs and much love.

May you & your loved ones have a joyful & blessed Christmas!

Your Franciscan brothers,

Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING:**Holy Masses**

- **Christmas Eve, Dec. 24** — Children's Mass (at a new, earlier time): **5:00 P.M.**
- **Midnight Mass** (musical prelude begins at 11:30 P.M.) Mass at: **12 Midnight**
- **Christmas Day — Saturday, Dec. 25:** 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.
- **Holy Family Sunday — Dec. 26** (No Saturday evening Mass on Christmas) Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.

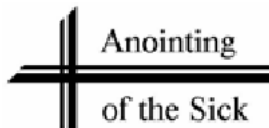
Available in the rectory:



- ♦ **Christmas cards** with the pictures of St. Jerome Church's interior during Christmastime.
- ♦ **Beautiful Christmas ornaments** with image of St. Jerome's Nativity scene.

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.

The Sick/Homebound will be visited by our priests before Christmas. Please let us know about if you know of someone at home, in a hospital or other institution who desires the Sacraments — confession, anointing of the sick and/or communion — so that we can visit them in this time.

***Old & Beautiful***

As we are heading towards the 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.

If you have not received our Christmas mailing, please contact the Rectory this week to check that we have your current address correctly in our computers. *We are sorry we missed you!*

Upcoming events

Sunday, December 19th. Annual Christmas **sacrament of reconciliation evening.** St. Jerome Church 6:00 P.M. Enough priests will be available for everyone to receive this sacrament that well prepares our hearts for Jesus' coming.

Monday, December 20th. **St. Jerome School's Christmas program** in our Church at 7:00 P.M. This is beautiful evening with our schoolchildren — come watch them sing. Beautiful voices, beautiful evening!

Tuesday, December 21st. We invite you to join us at 6:30 p.m. as we **clean and prepare our church building** for the Christmas holiday. *The more who come, the faster we finish!* It is so good for the soul to do it together, to make an extra effort to make our preparations for Christmas.

Flowers — If you would like to donate flowers for Christmas for our Church, please contact Louis & Mary Scalise, Ken & Jan Zekich, or Ivan & Vesna Jureta. Thank you very much for your generosity.

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.

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.