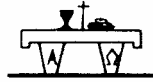


MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 18, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Nancy Babich Babich family
Bernie Kelly Perisin grandchildren
Angie Sabbia Angela & Michael Vetos

Tuesday – Utorak, January 19, 2010

7:30 a.m. John "Ish" Botica Anthony & Matthew Scalise
Na nakanu sv. Josipu ob. Tihane Jurković

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 20, 2010

7:30 a.m. Charles Billows Pedraza family
Ann Freeman Mary Tadin
Carmella Barbara (1st Anniv.) children

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 21, 2010
St. Agnes – Sv. Agneza (Janja)**

7:30 a.m. Lena Pascente Vince Covelli
Josephine Hanson Home/School Association

**Friday – Petak, January 22, 2010
St. Vincent the deacon – Sv. Vinko**

7:30 a.m. Bruno & Josephine Roti Marion
Health of John Krcmaric Lee Chapman

Saturday – Subota, January 23, 2010

7:30 a.m. Katy Morano Marion
For health of Anka Žure Scalise family

5:30 p.m. Mondo Zeledon Carmella Capellupo
John Botica Mary Fratto
Frank Bologna Sr. & Frank Bologna Jr. Linda Rubio
Angelique Rubio Linda Rubio
Mariano Coletta St. Jerome Parish Council

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 24, 2010

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić Duško
Josie Hanson Gen & +John Botica
John "Ish" Botica Luanne & Frank Munizzi
Uncle Luka Botica John Zekich
John Mladinov family family

9:30 a.m. Ann Bittner Ken, Jan & John Zekich
John Botica Perisin grandchildren
Luka Botica Michelle & Brian
Elsie Cerina Vera & family
Filip Majic Majic family

11:00 a.m.

Steven Brajković ob. Brajković
Petar Tokić brat Stipe i ob.
Fra Ljubo Čuvalo Ivan i Iva Mišetić sa ob.
Mara Čubelić ob. Nede Dragušica
Marija Ujčić Maria Diacci
John Botica Tony i Ana Hostička
Augustin Rodich Ante Šipić
Štefa Šego Stanko Šego & family
Neža i Martin Solina Henrik i Mila Solina
Pok. ob. Condić Duško
Pok. ob. Golub ob. Tomić
Na zahvalu Majci Božoj ob. Grgić
Na nakanu ob. Penavić

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro / Jan Ferro
Sun., Jan. 24, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich /
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Sun., Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo / Mary Beth
Insalaco
Sun., Jan. 24, 11:00 a.m. Mario Ivančić, Ivana
Kosir, Darko Grgić

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m. Garcia, M. Meo, R. Meo
Sun., Jan. 24, 7:30 a.m. J. Moreno, N. Moreno
Sun., Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m. Insalaco, B. Wilkie, M.
Wilkie
Sun., Jan. 24, 11:00 a.m. M. Brajković, M. Golub,
Adriana Kraljević, A. Ledić, T. Čuvalo

For Rent:

- ▶ Vicinity 31st Wells. Newly remodeled; central heat/AC; hardwood flrs, stove, fridge, washer/dryer. No pets. 312 225 4458 after 5 p.m.
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Apts. available in Zagreb, Croatia. Call 312 326 3188 for information.

For Sale:

- ▶ Brand New Development - Luxury Brač Seafront Villas with private pools. Located in Splitska, which is a 10 min. ride from Supetar (50 min. ferry ride from Split). Price Range: 470,000-770,000 Euros. Call 708. 769. 5013

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What Jesus did at Cana was not a one-of-a-kind occurrence. It pointed to what would happen throughout his ministry. The changing of water into wine is a made clear what he was about. Everywhere he went, the old was made new, and the new was always better.

His presence could change the lives of those with whom he came into contact. He continues

to do this for those who believe in him and follow him. He transforms our lives. He offers us something that we long for but cannot attain on our own. He offers us a share in the divine life — nothing less than eternal life and the ecstasy of communion with God.

Yet, all of this can remain theoretical unless we take steps to ex-



perience it in our lives, unless in some way in our own lives we allow Jesus to change "water into wine." This

means we have to change. For those who seek God's help, the miracle of Cana still happens.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Water into Wine

Jesus brought the wine of God's love into the world.

Everywhere he went, the old was made new.

For the bridal couple at Cana, he changed water into wine.

For the widow of Nain, he changed tears into joy.

For Zacchaeus, he changed selfishness into love.

For the thief on Mt. Calvary, he changed despair into hope.

And on Easter morning, he changed death into life.

Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives, and when, through human weakness, the wine of love is found wanting, touch our heart and strengthen our will so that we may taste the wine of unselfishness and deeper love.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The greatest awareness anyone can possess is the awareness of God's presence."

Dear Parents,

Where does a person gain the wisdom required to raise children? Can it be learned, read about in books, watched on TV, or downloaded on the Internet?

The raising of children has become a big problem nowadays. Society offers everything and anything. Children have become very demanding. They are surrounded by material possessions that preoccupy their thoughts. The Internet has become a major authority to which they look for the "truth".

Parents are under pressure from various media sources such as newspaper columnists and authors who are constantly appearing on talk shows, thereby exerting influence over the decisions parents make. Parents seem to be so worried that their children won't get everything they need to get.

For many people, a strong tendency develops that can be summed up in one sentence: "The kids are always right!"

Society is becoming increasingly bipolar, headed more and more in the direction of two extremes: children are either overindulged and their every desire must be fulfilled, or else they are neglected because a parent might have other children from a previous marriage, or some other obligation and there is no time.

Where can we find the happy median? To whom should we listen when it comes to raising children? Where can we find sufficient wisdom, patience and good sense?

We will continue this conversation next week. Your ideas, suggestions, and comments are always welcome. Let me hear from you.

Your Father Joe

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PASTOR'S DESK

Please pray for the earthquake victims in Haiti!

HAITI: The heart-wrenching news from Haiti prompts our hearts to cry, to pray and to help in any way possible. Our parish will have a special 2nd collection next weekend to donate funds via Catholic Relief Services to help the suffering.

Please pray for the people of Haiti, a predominantly Roman Catholic country, which lost tens of thousands of people, its Archbishop, as well as many priests, sisters, and seminarians in the earthquake.

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome a new member to our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Luka Anthony Morandi,

son of Jason & Katarina (nee Pavić) Morandi, and Godson of Marko Pavić. *Congratulations to the parents and Godfather, and may God bless little Luka Anthony!*

Mark your calendars for Cardinal Stepinac Days, which will be held the weekend of February 6 and 7. We ask you to save the dates and join us as we commemorate these days in honor of Blessed Stepinac, as follows:

— St. Jerome's Cardinal Stepinac Croatian School's **annual concert** will be Saturday afternoon, at 5:00 p.m. at M.L. King high school auditorium located at 4445 S. Drexel Blvd. in Chicago. Tickets and other details coming soon.

— Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m. Brief program and luncheon to follow after Mass in our parish hall.

2010 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the largest philanthropic source of financial support for the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese. It also supports ministries of care and comfort to those in need, supports training religious educators, supports spiritual formation of priests, supports the many life-oriented programs of the Office of Respect Life, supports Catholic Relief Services to the poor in the Third World, and many other vital ministries.

Please prayerfully consider making a 2010 pledge.

Words of Gratitude for Christmas gifts for needy

We received many cards expressing heartfelt appreciation for the "Advent Giving Tree" Christmas gifts that so many of our parishioners provided for needy children. The families of those children want everyone who participated to know how very thankful they are, and what a wonderful Christmas the participants made possible. Here are some of their messages:

♥ "I am writing you this letter to tell you thanks so very much for providing my 3 boys with something I was not able to give them. It is so very hard for me right now. May God bless you."

♥ "You may think it is nothing, but to us it means everything."

♥ "Thank you!!! Have a happy holiday like you make for me."

*R.I.P. — Fr. Theodore Benkovic, 1916-2010
The 12th Pastor of St. Jerome's (1967-69)*



Fr. Ted was born December 27, 1916 in Steelton, Pennsylvania, where he grew up. He began his seminary studies at Westmont, Ill. and entered the Franciscan novitiate in 1935 at Teutopolis, Ill. It was his heartfelt wish to learn the Croatian language well and this led to his studies in Mostar where he completed his theology in 1938. He was ordained a priest in Mostar on June 29, 1941. After his pastoral duties at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Mostar (1942-44), he resided in the Franciscan friaries in Sarajevo, Zagreb and Rome. When he returned to the U.S., he continued his pastoral work at St. Augustine's Parish in West Allis as assistant pastor (1946-50). After that he established St. Anthony's Parish in Monessen, Pa., and was pastor there until 1960. He was Pastor at Sts. Cyril & Methodius in New York (1960-61), St. Jerome's in Chicago (1967-69), Blessed Trinity in Ambridge, Pa. (1969-71), St. Mary's in Steelton (1972-76), St. Joseph's in Bethlehem, Pa. (1979-85). He was assistant pastor in Steelton from 1991 until his retirement in 1995. He held many positions with the Custody, and was superior of our friaries in Gulf Breeze., Fla. (1961-67) and in Beaver Falls, Pa. (1978-79, 1985-91). He was also the author of the 1946 book, *Tragedy of a Nation*, an eyewitness account of Croatia's suffering when the Communists took power.

Fr. Ted was well-known among the friars as a man with an extraordinary sense of humor, sociability and fraternal community. He was always very happy to visit with the friars and took great interest in the life and work of the friars. Having received the sacraments, Fr. Ted died peacefully this past Tuesday, Jan. 12 at St. Theresa Home in Lemont, run by Franciscan Sisters. After a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's in Hyde Park, he was buried with his Franciscan brothers in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

St. Jerome Grad Performs: Mt. Carmel H.S. at 6410 S. Dante Ave. presents the play "Sight," co-written by and starring our parishioner Joseph Segvich. Performances: Jan. 22, 23 at 7 p.m.; Jan. 17, 24 at 2 p.m. For tickets, call 773-324-1020 ext. 299.