

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 22, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Josie Hanson Barbara Novicki
Bob Caponigro Contino family
Angie Sabbia Kay Siani

Tuesday – Utorak, March 23, 2010

7:30 a.m. Josephine Hanson Ana Botica
Josephine Grubisic-Cabo Gen & +John Botica
Maria Bon Maria Diacci

Wednesday – Srijeda, March 24, 2010

7:30 a.m. John Botica Dean & Sue Nelson
Marija Ujčić Maria Diacci
Na nakanu Vesna Krišto

**Thursday – Četvrtak, March 25, 2010
Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Peter "Bush" Caruso Ross
Ann Fatovich Semetis Lynn Schankman
Evelyn Čondić Albina Marasovich

8:05 a.m. Pro populo – for all parishioners, living & deceased

Friday – Petak, March 26, 2010

7:30 a.m. Angeline Sabbia Barbara Wilkie
Angela "Snooky" Valenti family
Edna Miglieri Giggie
Matija Čubić Debbie

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday – Subota, March 27, 2010

7:30 a.m. Margaret Marcello Pace family
Minnie Delisa Catherine & Nick Perisin

5:30 p.m. Mike Iozzo (7th Anniv.) Iozzo family
Maria Ann Gazzi Gazzi family
Paul Budvitis Mary Fratto
John Segvich Mary Fratto
Josephine & Ben Kasro the Perisins

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 28, 2010

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić Duško
John Botica Mary Tadin
Morrie Coletta James McPhee
Lucy Matković N.N.
Irene Grubišić (health & blessings) Ann Contino

9:30 a.m. Jean Zekich John & Florence Zekich
Ann Bittner Bittner family
Josie Hanson Pauline Bogetich
Michael "Mondo" Zeledon Laura & John Perseghin
Elsie Milicevich Giggie

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Steven Brajković ob. Ljubo Draženović
Franjo i Iva Kraljević Božo i Stoja Kosir
Catherine Halambek ob. Penavić
Robert Jurlina family
Ivan i Luca Šušnjara Milenka Lišnić i ob.
Dujko i Kata Pudar kći Mara i ob.
Augustin Rodich Nediljko Čubelić i ob.
Ivan i Anica Mlinarić ob. Filipović
Petar Tokić Paško i Iva Jakelja
Mara Tuka ob. Marija Kosić
Marko Radman Livaja ob. Marko Radman Livaja
Mladen Bugarija Jelica Šimunić
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Mar. 27, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli/Jan Ferro
Sun., Mar. 28, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce/M. Pesce
Sun., Mar. 28, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / Mary
Beth Insalaco
Sun., Mar. 28, 11:00 a.m. Marko Mamić, Zrinka
Jureta, Mario Pehar

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Mar. 27, 5:30 p.m. Bova, Garcia, Wroblewski
Sun., Mar. 28, 7:30 a.m. Babich, Rubio
Sun., Mar. 28, 9:30 a.m. Balazs, Ciambrone, Insalaco
Sun., Mar. 28, 11:00 a.m. M. Brajković, M. Golub,
T. Čuvalo, A. Kraljević, A. Ledić

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

The scene in today's Gospel could have ended in a very ugly manner. If Jesus had gone along with the legal reasoning of the mob, the woman who had taken part in adultery would have died a horrible death.

Instead, the compassion Jesus showed her made it possible for her to turn away from her



sin, convert her heart, and make a new start. Obviously, Jesus did not disregard adultery. He said, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." She

had already been condemned; she needed compassion; and he treated her in a way that made her reform her life.

God desires not the death of the sinner but that he or she be converted and live. God knows our frailty and weakness, and in his mercy he offers forgiveness.

He not only helps us to put our sins behind us, but teaches us good lessons. In the lesson from Jesus' example, we see how compassion and loving firmness extended to those in trouble can bring about conversion.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Mercy

One day a distraught mother came to see the great emperor Napoleon in order to plead with him for her son's life. The young man had committed a serious offense. The law was clear. Justice demanded his death. The emperor was determined to ensure that justice would be done.

It seemed to all that the man's fate was already sealed, yet the mother spoke boldly to Napoleon and insisted, "Your Excellency, I have come to ask for mercy not for justice."

"But he does not deserve mercy," Napoleon answered.

"Your Excellency," said the mother, "it would not be mercy if he deserved it."

"So be it," said the great leader. "I will have mercy on him." And he set him free.

Mercy, of its nature, is pure gift. It is something we all stand in need of, and hence it is something we must be ready to extend to others. Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful; they will obtain mercy."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Those who give or receive mercy know something about the heart of God."

Dear friends,

These past few days we celebrated the feasts of two great saints of our faith and our history, St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Thinking of them prompts me to reflect on just how many heroes, saints, and great men and women we have in our spiritual heritage. These holy ones are inspirational in all seasons, at all times, in every century, and for all people. We recall some of the earliest of saints who gave their lives for Christ at the dawn of Christianity: Stephen, Peter, James, Matthew, Bartholomew; the great saints to whom God gave the power of spiritual insight, such as Irenaeus, Cyprian, Augustine, Jerome. Among those are also the saints who founded religious communities: Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Dominick, Ignatius, Teresa; those who served as missionaries: Damian of Molokai, Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta; still others who, during wartime, remained steadfast and set an excellent example of life: Maximilian Kolbe, Alojzije Stepinac, Edith Stein; and those who established schools and hospitals: Elizabeth Seton, Mother Cabrini, and more.

How many people, well known and unknown, are a part of the great history of our Church, our Catholic faith! Because of them, because of Christ, and because of us, I am proud to share the same faith, the same traditions, and the same values.

I thank them for showing us the way. From them we learn how to live. Let us be curious enough to read something of their lives. They are everlasting inspirations for all times, and for all people of every civilization. Thanks be to them. Because of them, we are Christians. They kept and guarded the faith through difficult times and passed it on to us!

Your Father Joe

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Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross / every Friday at 7:00 P.M.

Today, Sunday, March 21

Anointing of the Sick will take place this weekend on Sunday, March 21 at the end of each Mass. All who are seriously ill physically and/or spiritually and desire to receive this sacrament are invited to come. Moreover, those who are quite elderly may receive the sacrament even if they are not aware of a serious condition.

Tuesday, March 23

Sandwiches for the homeless and other people in need will be made by the **St. Jerome Youth Service Corps** this Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m. In our small hall behind the church. All who wish to help are invited.

Palm Sunday morning, March 28

St. Jerome School's HSA holds the annual **Palacinka & Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**. Breakfast and pictures will be available 8 a.m.—12 noon. Adults get 2 palacinka (crepes) or 4 pancakes, 4 pieces of bacon or sausage, and a drink — all for \$8. For \$4, kids get a palacinka or 2 pancakes, 2 bacon or sausages, and a drink. Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be available for purchase: \$15 for 1 – 5x7, 2 – 4x6 & 10 wallets. The large raffle table will be full of great prizes. **Tickets for the big \$12,000.00 raffle are now available until the drawing at the end of the day.** Tickets are \$50 each (only 400 printed). First prize is \$7,500, 2nd and 3rd prizes are \$1,500 each, and 4th and 5th prizes are \$750 each. Baked donations are welcome. For tickets or info, call Eva at 312-842-5485 or Laura at 773-254-0010.

Palm Sunday afternoon, March 28

The **Croatian Woman society** together with all the Croatian parishes in Chicago will host the annual humanitarian luncheon on Palm Sunday, March 28 in the Croatian Cultural Center. Tickets can be obtained from members of this organization. Proceeds will go to purchase special medical equipment to help children at the hospital in Mostar. For more, consult the web site: www.hrvatskazena.org

Palm Sunday evening, March 28

Many priests will be here to offer private confessions at 6 p.m. and as long as people come for this great sacrament for Lent.

Monday, March 29

Living Stations of the Cross in our church, presented by St. Jerome's schoolchildren, at 7 p.m. This is powerful depiction of Christ's Passion at the start of Holy Week. We wholeheartedly invite you to join us.

Monday, March 29

Visitation of the Sick will take place on Monday of Holy Week, March 29. Please let us know of anyone who would like to be visited and receive the sacraments in preparation for Easter.

Tuesday, March 30

General cleaning of our church to prepare for Easter. We invite all who can come, to join us at 6:30 p.m. — the more who come, the sooner we finish.

Save the Date!

The **St. Jerome Golf Outing** will be held on Monday, June 28 at the Silver Springs Country Club. There will be a short course for the "not-so-serious golfer." Further information will follow. For more details call Denise Bertucci at 312 636 8551.

All Aboard the Holy Thursday Bus for visiting beautiful churches after the 7 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass on April 1. To reserve seat, call Laura at 773-254-0010

Palm Sunday parking situation

Every year the patience grown by our Lenten observance is strongly tested by the parking situation on Palm Sunday (next week!) and Easter Sunday at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses.

Please:

- ◆ **Avoid double parking.**
- ◆ **Park diagonally** on the East side (the church side) of our block.
- ◆ **Do not even partially block the crosswalks** (because someone *else* will come along and partially block *the rest of the crosswalk* and both can get tickets).
- ◆ In addition to our two regular lots, we have the Italian-American Club lot at 30th & Shields and the huge overflow parking lot on 27th, between Wentworth and Wells.

Thank you for your patience!

Pray as a family. Every night between 6 & 7 p.m. !