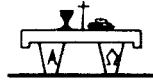


MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, October 4, 2010
St. Francis of Assisi – Sv. Franjo Asiški

7:30 a.m. Josephine Budz Rich & Jan Ferro
 Sonny Mandich Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Kaja Golub kći sa obitelji

8:05 a.m. Pro populo – for parish's living & deceased

Tuesday – Utorak, October 5, 2010

7:30 a.m. Tom Delorto Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Jakov & Elizabet Vukelić Marko & Marica Hobar
 Frances Morales Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Zaboravljene duše Hrvata u čistilištu Anica Ostojić

Wednesday – Srijeda, October 6, 2010

7:30 a.m. Mary Ruyechan Ann Contino
 Suzanne Serpico Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Mike Bozich Club Poljica

Thursday – Četvrtak, October 7, 2010
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – Gospa od Ružarja

7:30 a.m. Steven Brajković (7th Anniv.) ob. Brajković
 Michael Roscich Anthony & Diana Roscich
 Na nakanu – za djecu Ana Kelava

Friday – Petak, October 8, 2010

7:30 a.m. Luka Botica Gen & +John Botica
 Angelo Capinagro Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Elizabeth Lamb family
 Carmen Basso Jr. Catherine & Nick Perisin

Saturday – Subota, October 9, 2010

7:30 a.m. Ken Swift Duško
 Helen Rak Louzon family
 Alvina Jarzembowski Kish family

5:30 p.m. Tommy Hostička sestra Marija
 Michael Coletta St. Jerome Parish Council
 Frances Kozlar Annette Blasi
 Michael Zeledon Rosemary, Kathy & Carol
 Rose Boumenot Rose Ann Gurgone & family
 Iva Vranjković i obitelj Blagica Bešlić i obitelj

Sunday – Nedjelja, October 10, 2010

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić Duško
 Louis Grubisic-Cabo Gen & +John Botica
 John "Ish" Botica John & Florence Zekich
 Joanne Kiersch Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Anna Rogala Ann Contino
 Carmen Basso Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Contino
 Dec. of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers

9:30 a.m. Jo Marie Scott Russell & Beverlee Pullano
 Carmen & Josephine Tarantino daughter Cathy Amato
 Uncle Luka Botica Ken, Jan & John Zekich
 Dec. of Biamonte & LaPapa families granddaughter

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Marija Stephens Marija Lišnić
 Vinka Kraljević Milka i Iva Vuković
 Samantha Penavić ob. Penavić
 Steven Brajković Tomislav Lišnić i ob.
 Mirko i Rozalija Lusavec ob. Milice i Jure Lišnić
 Filip i Iva Lišnić ob. Jure i Milice Lišnić
 Josipa Belan Ivan i Marija Kosić i ob.
 Ivan Markotić Božo i Stoja Kosir i ob.
 Marino Prendivoj Ana Grančarić
 Lucija Prša Josip i Kata Bajzec
 Viktor Bubić ob. Krpan
 Tomislav Hostička teta Ljubica Bajić
 Mary Ruyechan Ana Hostička i ob.
 Božo i Marija Dukić ob. Žolo
 Blaž Bilonić Filip i Lucija Filipović
 Thomas, Michael & Paul Hays ob. Runac i Hays
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto / Jan Ferro
Sun., Oct. 10, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich / Rosemary Brcich
Sun., Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m. Jan Zekich / MaryBeth Insalaco
Sun., Oct. 10, 11:00 p.m. Mario Ivančić, Kristina Jurković, Anela Kosić

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m. K. Mangan, M. Mangan, Wroblewski
Sun., Oct. 10, 7:30 a.m. Babich, Rubio
Sun., Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m. Bova, J. Moreno, N. Moreno
Sun., Oct. 10, 11:00 a.m. A. Barun, M. Kosić, A. Ledić, I. Jureta, Danny Grgić, L. Kutleša

For Rent:

► **Apt. 3017 S. Princeton**, 1st flr, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, enclosed back porch, remodeled, central AC/heat, hardwood flrs, ceiling fans, granite, stove, fridge, washer /dryer in apt 312 217 3208

► **HOUSE FOR SALE** ► 544 W. 32nd St. (was Martha Depeder's) Single fam. residence, 2-3 bdrms, 2 car garage, call Jean or Jerry 312 326 0027

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Keeping the Faith

In today's Gospel reading, the apostles beg of Jesus: "Increase our faith." In 2010, a time of overly individualistic faith, we might be tempted to tell the apostles to work harder to *increase their own faith*.

But the apostles were aware of the truth that Faith is a gift from God. We cooperate with that gift by receiving it, but true

Faith is a gift from God. Naturally, we can be tempted to invent our own faith, our own spiritual likes and dislikes, but true Faith is a gift offered to us from God, a gift clarified by the Holy Spirit working in the Church.

This weekend, and especially on Monday, we celebrate a great man of Faith, St. Francis of Assisi. Since St. Jerome's founding in 1912, followers of



Francis & the Cross

St. Francis have been our priests. So in a profound way, generations of St. Jerome parishioners have grown up with a Faith affected deeply by the humble Faith of Francis, who lived, loved and believed 800 years ago.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Francis's deep Faith in a time of shallow faith

Earlier this year, Pope Benedict spoke of the divine power of St. Francis's faith to renew the Church of his time:

"When [Francis] was 20 he took part in a military campaign, and was taken prisoner. He became ill and was released. After his return to Assisi, a slow process of spiritual conversion began in him, which led him to abandon gradually the worldly lifestyle he had practiced until then.

"Striking at this time are the famous episodes of the meeting with the leper — to whom Francis, getting off his horse, gave the kiss of peace; and the message of the Crucifix in the little church of San Damiano. Three times the crucified Christ came to life and said to him: "Go, Francis, and repair my Church in ruins." This simple event of the Word of the Lord heard in the church of San Damiano hides a profound symbolism. Immediately, St. Francis is called to repair this little church, but the ruinous state of this building is a symbol of the tragic and disturbing situation of the Church itself at that time, with a superficial faith that does not form and transform life, with a clergy lacking in zeal, with the cooling off of love; an interior destruction of the Church that also implied a decomposition of unity, with the birth of heretical movements.

"However, at the center of this Church in ruins is the Crucified and he speaks: he calls to renewal, he calls Francis to manual labor to repair concretely the little church of San Damiano, symbol of the more profound call to renew the Church of Christ itself, with his radical faith and his enthusiastic love for Christ.

"This event... makes one think of another similar event that happened in 1207: the dream of Pope Innocent III. He saw in a dream that the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Mother Church of all churches, was collapsing and a small and insignificant religious [friar] supported the church with his shoulders so that it would not collapse. ... It is St. Francis, called by God. ... The two realities go together: the Successor of Peter, the bishops, the Church founded on the succession of the Apostles and the new charisma that the Holy Spirit created at this moment to renew the Church. True renewal grows together."

Our new Cross

Dear Friends,

Monday, Oct. 4, is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. For several years, Fr. Ivan and I have celebrated it with the Franciscan Blessing of Animals (this year in our South Parking Lot on Monday at 2 p.m., and later).

This year we add a new reminder of St. Francis, a window into his soul: the San Damiano crucifix, pictured to the right.

When Francis was early in the process of drawing closer to Jesus, he was praying before this crucifix in a run-down little countryside church named after St. Damian, or "San Damiano" in Italian. By a special gift from God, the Crucified One spoke to Francis, giving him (and his later Franciscan followers) a Mission: "Repair my Church." Through humility, faith and obedience, Francis and his followers have strived to repair and renew the Church for 800 years now.

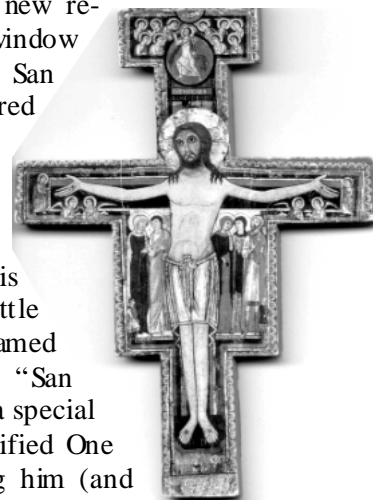
The San Damiano crucifix is an "icon cross," likely painted by a Syrian monk, several of whom were in that area of Italy. Like all icons, it is a window through which we contemplate the mysteries of God, of heaven and of his saints. Jesus on this cross is serene and glorious, as he is described in St. John's Gospel. Standing by Jesus is his mother, with St. John by her side, and other witnesses, human and angelic. Jesus does not hang from the cross — he appears to be lifting, lifting the cross, lifting the world. And from this cross he asked Francis to help lift up the Church.

Fr. Ivan and I wish you all a happy St. Francis Day!

Your Fr. Joe jgrbes@gmail.com



PASTOR'S DESK



St. Jerome's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

St. Jerome Parish is heading towards its 100th anniversary in 2012. As a spiritual preparation for this great celebration, our parish is going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This trip would take place during the first half of November 2011. The cost of the trip will be about \$3,000.00, for approximately 10 days. This is a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage! We have around 70 people; if you are interested in going with us, please let us know as soon as possible.

Mother Teresa stamp issued



Recently the U.S. Post Office honored Blessed Mother Teresa with a stamp, marking 100 years after her birth. This missionary to the poorest of the poor in Calcutta and around the world continues to inspire us and this stamp will help many not forget her love of God and his poor. Be sure to evangelize all you write to by getting as many of these stamps as you can while they're available!

A LETTER: Subject: Blankets, Coats for the Homeless
Hello, Father Joe,

We are hoping that you might ask your parish community if they have any blankets for our homeless friends. They were so generous this past winter! Unfortunately the homeless are without blankets for the coming winter. Anything they might have would truly be appreciated. Thank you, Fr. Joe.

God Bless You,
Joan

FALL FOOD DRIVE BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

BRING YOUR NON-PERISHIBLE FOOD FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES STRUGGLING TO FIND ENOUGH FOOD. BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH'S ENTRANCE AREA.

Religious objects from the Holy Land

Every year we host people from the Holy Land who sell religious objects made from olive wood. They will sell sculptures, rosaries, crucifixes, etc., which help the Christians in the Holy Land. They will be with us for **this weekend's Masses**. Please support them. (Transportation difficulties kept them from being with us last weekend.)

St. Jerome School 's Big Event

Mark your calendars now for the St. Jerome Annual benefit: **Saturday, Nov. 20**. Big, spectacular, a one of a kind event.

In Memory of Geno Anthony Gniadek
Saturday October 9 at DeLaSalle Institute, 3434 S Michigan Avenue, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. **\$6,000.00 Grand Raffle Prize**, LCD TV, Apple iPad, Silent Auction. Raffle Tickets, Entrance Tickets or Donations call Dana Poole 773-450-6191 or visit www.TeamGeno.org

St. Francis's feast day

The Blessing of Animals traditionally takes place on the feast day of St. Francis, Oct. 4. This year the blessing will take place in our south parking lot on Monday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m. (And later, if you and your pet are stuck in traffic — drive safely!)



The second collection on this weekend will assist our Franciscans, particularly our senior brothers in the monastery, as well as assisting in the educating of our young Franciscans. We humbly thank you for your love and generosity!

St. Jerome Funeral on Monday

Please remember in your prayers our parishioner **Anna DiLoreto (nee Dimić)**, 93, whose wake is 3-9 p.m. Sunday at Dalcamo's, and funeral Mass is at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Jerome's. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her sons Anthony and Frank and their families. *May she rest in peace.*

Marian Society news:

The Marian Society's annual banquet will be held **this Sunday, Oct. 3**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, and can be purchased in advance from members of the board.

Retreat

The Marian Society is holding its annual retreat on **Saturday, October 9**. We ask all those who would like to join us for this day of spiritual renewal to reserve their space by contacting Mrs. Kathy Kosic (773 667 2377) or other members of the board.

Croatian Woman's Fall Fashion Show

Croatian Woman Branch #1, Chicago is holding its 20th annual fashion show and luncheon on **Sunday, October 17**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza in downtown Chicago. Proceeds from this event will benefit UNICEF (help for children). Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from the board, and hotel parking is available for only \$5. Please call 773-450-2811 or email them at croatian_woman.org for reservations. The Croatian Woman organization hopes to see you then and thanks you for your continued support of this event as they celebrate their 20th year of shows.

DUE TO CHICAGO MARATHON NEXT SUNDAY:
31st St. Exit on Dan Ryan to be closed; 35th St. open.