

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 14, 2011**

7:30 a.m. Nikola Bradarić ob. Ljuba Pervan
 Jerry Bertucci Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Sam Biamonte Ki
 Millie Balich Caroline

Tuesday – Utorak, March 15, 2011

7:30 a.m. Ljilja Orlović ob. Tomislav Erkapić
 Fr. Marko Kozina Carol & Frano Marasovich
 Sally Robin Johnson Feldman & Ryan families
 In thanksgiving Debbie Kodzoman

Wednesday – Srijeda, March 16, 2011

7:30 a.m. Helen Rak Carol & Frano Marasovich
 Jeanenne Hiatt Perisin grandchildren
 Eileen Galvin friends SMEMC
 "Petey" Pivac Stretch & El

**Thursday – Četvrtak, March 17, 2011
St. Patrick's Day**

7:30 a.m. Luce Badrov ob. Nevenka Badrov
 Fr. Ante Grbeš & Ana Vidović Mary Fratto
 Tom & Patricia O'Connor family
 Patrick Muldowney Debbie Kodzoman

Friday – Petak, March 18, 2011

7:30 a.m. Dale Hiatt Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Jeanenne Hiatt Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Ivan Babić Valeria Babić

**Saturday – Subota, March 19, 2011
Solemnity of St. Joseph/ Sv. Josip, at 7:30am Mass**

7:30 a.m. Ante Balich family
 Jozo Martić ob. Nevenka Badrov
 Joseph LoCasto wife & sons
 Jeanne & Joe Zekich Perisin family
 Josip Strmečki Albina Marasovich
 Joseph Amato wife Cathy
 Josephine Tarantino daughter Cathy
 Dec. of Marino family family
 Dec. of Iorio family family

5:30 p.m. CONFIRMATION MASS – Pro populo

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 20, 2011

7:30 a.m. Gene Dengler Sr. Cathy Amato
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić Duško
 John "Ish" Botica Eugene & +Josephine Pelletier
 Peter Pivac Ann Contino

9:30 a.m. Josephine Leodoro Mary Beth Puente
 Barbara Willis Peter Trumblay
 Severio Tolerico Mark Gusich
 Joe Zekich Ken, Jan & John Zekich
 Dec. of Bozich & Grzetich fam. Stretch & El

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Branko Jurković Nevenka i djeca
 Šime Baričević sestra Ana Jović i ob.
 Vinka Kraljević ob. Stipe Tokić
 Anđela Kadić ob. Ivica Penavić
 Marko, Josip i Ana Barać ob. Ružica Golub
 Helen Rak Josip i Kata Bajzec
 Anthony Rodich ob. Agnes Rodich
 Mate Morić Ante Šipich
 Fra Denis Sačer ob. Filipović
 Stipe Bajić ob. Nedilko Čubelić
 Luka i Mara Dugandžić ob. Jure i Zlata Dugandžić
 Dragica Vukadin Neva Zelić i ob.
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. ob. Rudman Lovro i Dragica Rudman
 Zdravlje ob. Lovrić obitelj
 Na nakanu Josip i Iva Prša

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Mar. 19, 5:30 a.m. Jan Ferro / Jan Ferro
Sun., Mar. 20, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi / Rosemary Bricch
Sun., Mar. 20, 9:30 a.m. Kica DiVito / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Mar. 20, 11:00 a.m. Nikolina Mađer, Anđela Bajić, Mario Ivančić

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Mar. 19, 5:30 a.m. Hostička, Mangan, Nowacki, Šego/Olivia
Sun., Mar. 20, 7:30 a.m. Bertucci, Wilkie
Sun., Mar. 20, 9:30 a.m. Sandoval, Valenti
Sun., Mar. 20, 11 a.m. K. Cikoch, N. Brčić, M. Golub, T. Čuvalo, A. Ledić, M. Brajković

For Rent:

► **Apt. 2-Bedroom**, Dining Room, front room and kitchen. Please call 312-282-0097.
 ► **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
 ► **Oak Park, IL Apt. 7-rm**, 2-flat, carpeted, firepl., 2 baths, paneled den, transportations, shops, parking, no pets. Dep. required 708-386-8720

► **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 First Sunday of Lent

Before they chose to sin, Adam and Eve were powerfully free, free from the slavery of sin. They were entirely free to do the will of God.

We usually *want* to do the will of God, but our fallen human nature makes it difficult to always do the good that we want to do. But before they chose to sin, Adam and Eve had a powerful willpower — due to their freedom from sin.

God had given them the freedom to say “yes” to God or “no” to God — in other words, to love God with their hearts and deeds, or to sin against God. Unfortunately, they chose to disobey God.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus was tempted in the desert by the same Satan who tempted Adam and Eve. And Jesus won



the battle in the desert.

We can draw inspiration from this. Every right choice makes the next right choice easier. We can build up during

Lent our good habits, our virtues. And when we embrace the supernatural power that Jesus extends to us to turn away from sin and live the Gospel, then we can be liberated from sin’s slavery.

WISDOM’S CORNER

Pruning Season

We can imagine that if plants could feel pain, pruning time would be a painful time for a fruit tree. The pruner rids the tree of all its new upright shoots and sprouts that use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit. However, the aim of this delicate surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree produce more and better fruit.

Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning season. There is a lot that is useless and perhaps even harmful in our lives, which saps our energy, and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness.

Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent so that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the True Vine?

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Penance is an exercise in saying no to ourselves.”

A time of silence



Dear Friends,

I am in love with Lent. Lent offers something different, stronger, better. It offers grace and peace.

Lent is a time of silence. I turn off the car radio. I shut out the sounds of the world so that I can hear Him myself...

Lent is an exceptional time of grace because then I come to myself. Then I look into myself. Then I nurse my soul.

Lent is an intensive time of devotion. We go to Mass every day if we can. We go to pray the Stations of the Cross. We pray the Rosary. We set aside time for meditating upon God. In silence, we can encounter God.

In Lent, we listen to the most beautiful Gospel texts that talk to us and about us. This is the time when we understand the wisdom that advises us to pay attention to the life that never dies.

“Remember, man, that you are dust...” Let us fast this Lent from certain things, so that we may be liberated from those things. Let us fast from jealousy, unkindness, shallowness, lies and bitterness. Let us fast from impatience, gossiping, from unnecessary words. Let us fast from selfishness. It will do us good. It will be good for everyone. Our world will be different. Let’s embark on this together! Let’s try!

Your Fr. Joe jgrbes@gmail.com

LENT

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE BEING PRAYED IN OUR CHURCH FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT AT 7:00 P.M.

In this time of mercy together may we walk with Christ seeking encounter and mercy.

Holy Confirmation

This Saturday, March 19, the sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Joseph N. Perry at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Confession for the candidates for Confirmation and their sponsors will be held this Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

Our Clubs

Do you wish to participate in our community through participation in a club? You can choose: Book Club, Walking Club, Croatian Woman, Marian Society, Alcoholics Anonymous, Club Cres, Club Sinj, Club Poljica, Youth Club to help those in need. There are enough choices. Be a part of something bigger than yourself.

Book Club

Wednesday, March 23's meeting will discuss "Sharp Objects" by Gillian Flynn. And next month's Wednesday, April 13 meeting will discuss "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the Small Hall. Everyone is welcome — even if you haven't finished the book!

Willy Wonka School Play & Playbill Ads

Our School Play for Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory will have a Playbill in which you can order an ad through a form in the back of the church. **Deadline is this Friday.**

Not too late to join

'40 Days for Life' prayer campaign

Although the formal Ash Wednesday start date has passed, it's not too late to join in a nationwide and international prayer campaign to convert the hearts of abortion providers and the vulnerable mothers who could become victims of the abortion industry. Check out the website www.40daysforlife.com and start praying this weekend until Holy Thursday in order to get in your 40 days.

Please pray for our beloved deceased

Josephine Pelletier (nee Grubisic-Cabo), 85, our parishioner who died this past week, will be buried from our church. The **Funeral Mass will be on Monday at 9:30 a.m.** The wake is Sunday, 2-9 p.m. at Dalcamo's. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Josephine's husband, Eugene, their daughter, Paulette (John) Nowacki, the grandchildren, her sisters Gen Botica and Lucille McGrath, and her many other dear relatives and friends.

May Josephine rest in God's peace!

A LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY HERE

All Parishioners — adults and children, women and men — **are invited to a retreat sponsored by the Marian Society.** This retreat will be held in our Church on **Sunday, April 3.** Please see bulletin insert this week. This is a unique occasion to renew ourselves and our families.

Faith Matters

To better know our faith we are contemplating a Bible/Faith study to be organized at St. Jerome this spring time. If you have any inputs, wishes, needs, suggestions, ideas, etc, please let us know.

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Fr. Ivan: ivanofm@aol.com

**SAVE THE DATE: April 17
is the Annual Palacinka Breakfast with
the Easter Bunny.**

Tickets for the \$12,000.00 Raffle are now available, through the school office, rectory, or Eva 312-842-5485, Laura 773-254-0010, Marian 312-225-0471.

+ Fr. Marin Mandic (84)

Fr. Marin, a Croatian priest of the Salesian Order, died unexpectedly on Monday, March 7 in Mexico, where he served for many years as a missionary among the poor in a remote area. He was buried on Ash Wednesday, March 9, also in Mexico. Fr. Marin was our guest here many times, a relative of the Mandiches and of St. Leopold Mandic. Many of our parishioners remember this vigorous priest with joy and fondness. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!*