

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, August 6, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Margaret Loscalzo Ellen O'Donnell
Na odluku N.N.

7:00 p.m. Velika Gospa Novena begins

Dominic Bruno family
Mary Ann Romano Romano family
Ann Kotarac Marty & Debbie Miloslavich
Carmen & Eva Butera Cannatello family
John "Ish" Botica Gen & family
Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa & Chris
Diane Dispensa Mary Ann & Packy Ciaravino
Janeen Cummings Marcy Choinoski
Anica Lerotić kći Ivanka Šušnjara i ob.
Tonka, Sophie & Josephine Giggie
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

Tuesday – Utorak, August 7, 2012

7:30 a.m. Mile Kodzoman Debbie
Ann Kotarac (1st Anniv.) Kotarac family

7:00 p.m. Dominic Bruno family
Jon "Ish" Botica Gen & family
Ann Kotarac (1st Anniv.) friend Cathy
Mary Ann Romano JoAnn & Peter Peso
Frank & Connie Fratto Mary Fratto
Annette Blasi Cathy Amato
Jean Kirincic ob. Hobar
Bill Sabbia wife
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
Marilyn's health mother
Na čast Gospi Giggie

Wednesday – Srijeda, August 8, 2012

7:30 a.m. Marija Galović ob. Andrija Vasilj
Dominic Bruno Debbie Kodzoman

Lydia Grzyb Pam Munizzi
7:00 p.m. John "Ish" Botica Gen & family
Ann Yolich Gen & family
Dominic Bertucci family
Ann Scalise family
Mara Jovanović Ken, Jan & John Zekich
Dominic Bruno family
Vinko Kokoška Dragan Kokoška i ob.
Mile Rukavina Jelka Kokoška i ob.
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
Dec. Bozich and Grzetich families Stretch & El
Dec. of Iorio family family

Thursday – Četvrtak, August 9, 2012

7:30 a.m. Danette Spazio Giggie
Na odluku N.N.

7:00 p.m. John "Ish" Botica Gen & family
Carmen & Eva Butera Michelle & Brian Curtin
Rose Iozzo Terri & Sam Babich
Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce
Joe Zekich Ken, Jan & John Zekich
John Segvich wife Helen
Augustin Rodich Agnes i obitelj
Dominic Bruno family
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
Dec. of Becich, Gruica and Delich fam. Louis Scalise fam.

Friday – Petak, August 10, 2012

7:30 a.m. Matthew Condic uncle
Joseph LaScola N.N.
Fritz Perisin family
Mara Budich daughter

7:00 p.m. John "Ish" Botica Gen & family
Ann Kotarac George Ferro & family
Mary Ann Romano Mary Fratto
Ivan Vrdoljak Cathy and Andrew
Carmen, Carmella & Tommy LaPapa daughter/sister
Jean Kirincic Cathy Amato
Sam & Ann Scalise niece Rosemary
Dominic Bruno family
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

Saturday – Subota, August 11, 2012

7:30 a.m. Joanne Sandburg Joan Sipich
Maria Masticova Babich children
Na čast sv. Anti Mato Tomić

7:00 p.m. (No 5:30 Mass): Dominic Bruno family
Ann Kotarac Silvio & Elaine Martincic
John "Ish" Botica Gen & family
Diane Dispensa Mr. & Mrs. James Saracco
Lena Marino Bonnie
Mara Jovanović Ken, Jan & John Zekich
George Mikicich Pauline Bogetich
Jozo & Jakica Becich Giggie
Dec. of Catizone, Senese, Tarantino fam. Cathy Amato
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

Sunday – Nedjelja, August 12, 2012

7:30 a.m. Joe Ciaccio Ray & Donna DeGrazia
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško

Dec. of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers
9:30 a.m. Ann Kotarac John & Laura Perseghin
Fritz & Juliana Perisin Sylvia Perisin
For health of Fred K. friend Giggie

11:00 a.m. Nick & Anica Špehar ob. Špehar
Zvonimir Gović Luka Markotić i ob.
Rozalija Galić Mr. & Mrs. Marinko Ilić
Mile Markić ob. Ivica Penavić
Ivan Pavić kći Ivanka i ob.
John Nagy Nevenka Jurković i ob.
Franjo Grašić ob. Mate i Mira Mulac
Tomislav Vasilj brat Andrija
Mile Rukavina obitelj
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

Pok. ob. Belan i Kraj ob. Ivan i Ljubica Belan
7:00 p.m. John "Ish" Botica Gen & family
Anna & Frank Bozinovich Frances Grybas
Margaret & Frank Lauric Frances Grybas
Edward Bozinovich Frances Grybas
Joseph and Jeff Grybas Frances Grybas
Dominic Bruno family
Samuel Biamonte niece Bonnie
Petar & Ana Schurla Pete & Sandy Schurla
Sue Tarantino niece Cathy
Georgeann Ferro Pete & Sandy Schurla
Scully & Tonka Scalise niece Rosemary
Dec. of Michael Iozzo family Terri & Sam Babich
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS & EUCH. MIN.: Sat., Aug. 11, 5:30p.m. Jan Ferro/JF
Sun., Aug. 12, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi / Matt Pesce
Sun., Aug. 12, 9:30 a.m. Jan Zekich / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Aug. 12, 11 a.m. Kristina Hrvojević, Ivana Kosir, Mario Ivančić

ALTAR SERVERS: Sat., Aug. 11, 5:30p.m. Nowacki, Passarelli, Valenti
Sun., Aug. 12, 7:30 a.m. Isabella, Olivia
Sun., Aug. 12, 9:30 a.m. Lucente, Sandoval, Wilkie
Sun., Aug. 12, 11:00 a.m. Deni Grgić, L. Kutleša, Dominik Grgić,
Darko Grgić, M. Karačić, M. Golub

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 18th Sunday of the Year

Jesus made it clear that he had not come from above merely to satisfy people's physical hunger. He came to give heavenly bread that people will eat and never again become hungry. He challenged them to go deeper: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, food that the Son of Man will give you."

If Jesus had given the people

more loaves and fishes, he would have made himself very popular — in the short term. After the miracle of the loaves, they called him a prophet and wanted to make him their king — because they misjudged who Jesus was. To give ultimate priority to physical needs would be to diminish humanity, to treat them as no higher than beasts. Jesus challenged them to face the deeper

hunger, the spiritual hunger. He urged them to seek food that he could give them: "I am the bread of life."

We too are tempted to live for material things alone. It's not that we deny the spiritual, but that we neglect it. Physical food sustains life in the short run. The food that Jesus gives sustains life eternally. It is alas easy to fall into confused priorities about life.

Our Parish History

The Velika Gospa celebrations

Pope Pius XII proclaimed 1954 a "Marian Year." Since St. Mary's greatest feast is Assumption Day (Velika Gospa) and since Our Lady's Velika Gospa was celebrated and venerated with so much splendor at St. Jerome's, Croatians from all over the Midwest came here on pilgrimage that special Marian Year. **It was the largest attendance for Velika Gospa ever!**

Pilgrims came from Croatian parishes in Milwaukee and West Allis, Wis., in Pittsburg, Rankin, Ambridge and Millvale, Pa., in East Chicago and Gary, Ind., in St. Louis, Mo. and in Joliet. They were joined by pilgrims from Croatian parishes in Chicago: Sacred Heart, Holy Trinity, Assumption, and Saints Peter and Paul.

His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, the archbishop of Chicago, attended, and the evening Marian devotions were held outdoors on the parish grounds due to the great numbers. Cardinal Stritch welcomed the pilgrims and preached of the love and devotion of the Croatian people and of St. Jerome Parish toward Our Lady.



Between the 55th Velika Gospa and the 75th Velika Gospa, St. Jerome's saw the funerals of the last of the original founding members of the societies and of the parish. With the deaths of those original Croatian immigrant members of the parish's societies and fraternities, many societies and fraternities came to an end. Societies were the backbone of the Velika Gospa celebration.

However, the late 1960s and the 1970s also saw the arrival of many new Croatian immigrants to Chicago. The new arrivals joined the parish and began celebrating Velika Gospa, Chicago style.

By 1970, Velika Gospa became the largest single fundraiser for the parish. To accommodate the large crowds, a large outdoor food tent was opened. The indoor kitchen would prepare Croatian specialties, while the outdoor food tent would serve: beef, Italian sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza and clams. Later, another two tents were added; one selling raznici and the other selling freshly made fritula, coffee and Croatian pastries.

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We encourage our parishioners and friends to write their memories on events, people... we are collecting our oral history in order to preserve our beautiful experiences.



The Velika Gospa Feast approaches

► This Sunday morning is the first early bird drawing for our Velika Gospa raffle. The early bird prize is \$1,000 and the winner will be put back into the barrel to be eligible for future drawings. The second early bird drawing is next Sunday.

► **Our gigantic Velika Gospa raffle:** The first prize to be drawn Aug. 15 will be **\$20,000**; second prize **\$5,000**; 3rd to 7th place prizes: **\$1,000 each**. Each ticket to enter the \$20,000 Velika Gospa raffle is \$100. Please buy or sell to family and friends the two raffle tickets that you received in the Velika Gospa mailing, but if you are unable to do so, please drop them off at the Rectory. If you need more tickets, they are available at the Rectory. Thank you for your participation in this raffle.

► **The Velika Gospa Novena:** We have a great roster of priests coming for the Velika Gospa Novena of Masses, beginning Monday. Please save the Novena flyer inserted into this bulletin and pass on the word. *Miraculous Lady of Sinj, pray for us!*

► **Everyone who is willing to help** with Velika Gospa, please contact our Rectory at 312-842-1871. Thank you for your generous and loving help!

► **Our guest priest this year** for the High Mass on Velika Gospa is **Fr. Robert Jolic**. Fr. Robert served at St. Jerome's 15 years ago.

► Here for the first time with us will be our local auxiliary bishop, **Bishop Alberto Rojas**.

St. Jerome's Centennial Yearbook: The Hard Cover version has arrived

St. Jerome's 540-page yearbook has been available in our office for the last 3 months. Since there has been a great interest in our book, with its parish and family history, many people expressed their wish to have a durable keepsake hardcover book. We now have them available in the rectory. Those of you who have already signed up for a copy, please pick them up in the rectory as soon as possible. They are also available for everyone else as well (at the cost of producing them).

Would you represent your class?

St. Jerome School is preparing for its 90th celebration on Feb. 2, 2013, and we are looking for "alumni class representatives."

If you are interested, please contact Anna (Krstulovich) Babich (1983) at hand2God@ameritech.net; Laurie (Pavela) Rodriguez (1978) at lapavela@aol.com; Cathy (Tarantino) Amato (1955) at amatocathy@comcast.net or Jan Ferro at nickrf@aol.com

Are You Ready for Some Football?

Football Mania returns to St. Jerome for another season! Tickets for this fun-filled raffle are on sale now for \$20 each and are valid for the ENTIRE 17-week NFL football season. Your raffle ticket gives you 6 chances to win a share of \$900 in weekly prize money for the entire season. That's 102 chances to win for \$20! The 2012-2013 season kicks off on Wednesday, Sept. 5, so get your tickets before it's too late. Get in the game now! Call Pauline Dengler [312-375-5416](tel:312-375-5416), Jan Ferro [312-225-9751](tel:312-225-9751) or the School Office [312-842-7668](tel:312-842-7668).

St. Rocco High Mass at St. Theresa Church

is Sunday, Aug. 19 at 10:30am; St. Rocco Procession begins at 11:30am. The day before, at 7:30pm, is the St. Rocco Novena Mass with anointing of the sick.

"Year of Sunday Mass" continues in the Archdiocese of Chicago

As part of learning and living the Mass more deeply, it helps to contemplate some key words:

DEEPEN: "Get on with it." We hear that all the time. We even say it to ourselves. We do something and then move on quickly. That's our pace and pretty much the tenor of most of our lives. And how we live does not easily match what we do at Mass.

At Mass, ideally, we stop and linger — at the beginning to reflect on our need for mercy, after the readings and homily to consider the Word we have just heard,

and after Holy Communion to grasp more surely the mystery now within us. We need to linger in these moments to deepen our sense of the holy and living one whom we are encountering.

We keep returning to the same ritual at Mass. The ritual really doesn't change that much week after week. Even year to year, the worship repeats the same cycles of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. Is it just going in circles? No, something else is at work. The cycles deepen the mystery's connection to us and our connection to the mystery. Unlike most of our life, at Mass we go not wide but deep. Ideally, we stay, we linger, we come to know more deeply.