

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 17, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Joe Bozich wife & family
Dominick Marino family

Tuesday – Utorak, December 18 2012

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Romano Romano family
Frances Fratto Rose Ann
James Cordovano Luanne & Frank
Dec. of Bozo Sorich family family

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 19, 2012

7:30 a.m. John Nagy Petar Pavic
Fra Zoran Ostojić George Rozman
Butz Kienzle Stretch & El

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 20, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Frankovich Giggie
Josip Armić Nada & John Pastuović

Friday – Petak, December 21, 2012

7:30 a.m. Jay Rogosich family
Jimmy Caruso Maryann & Packy Ciaravino

Saturday – Subota, December 22, 2012

7:30 a.m. Michael Donegan Perisin grandchildren
U zahvalu Srcu Isusovu i Marijinu Ana Hostička

5:30 p.m. Fred B. Roti children
Ignatia Capone Mary Ann Walz
Carmen & Eva Butera Cannatello family
Philip T. Rizza Rizza Cadillac workers
Jimmy Caruso Nancy & Bob Link
Rosa Cianflone Folino family
Dec. Babich & Iozzo fam. Terri & Sam Babich
Dec. Thompson & Iozzo fam. Iozzo family

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 23, 2012

7:30 a.m.
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
Na odluku Ljuba Pervan

9:30 a.m. John & Mary Harzich Joanne & family
Frank Balestri Jr. wife Marie
Carmen, Carmella & Tommy LaPapa daughter
Jimmy Caruso Giggie
Mary Grace Zekich Maria & Miriam Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ante Kraljević sin Vlado i obitelj
Rozalija Galić Marija i Perica Dušević
Tome i Marta Bulić Kata i Josip Bajzec
John Nagy ob. Stipe Pudar
Josip Lisnich (6th Anniv.) supruga Marija i obitelj
Nick i Anica Špehar ob. Špehar
Ilija Žolo ob. Žolo
Veselko Sivrić kći Ankica
Mara Jurčević ob. Peter Pavić
Josip Armić obitelj
Iva Erkapić ob. Tomislav Erkapić
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
Pok. ob. Belan i Kralj ob. Ivan i Ljubica Belan

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Magyar / Jan Ferro
Sun., Dec. 23, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce / Matt Pesce
Sun., Dec. 23, 9:30 a.m. Sonia Antolec / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Dec. 23, 11:00 a.m. Nikolina Mađer, Kristina Hrvojić, Marko Mamić

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m. Wilkie, Isabella W., Olivia W
Sun., Dec. 23, 7:30 a.m. Valenti, Zekich
Sun., Dec. 23, 9:30 a.m. Ruich, Sandoval, Yarus
Sun., Dec. 23, 11:00 a.m. K. Hostička, A. Hostička, N. Brčić, Darko Grgić Jr., Dominik Grgić

For Rent

- ▶ **Apt.** Lovely Bridgeport apartment, **33rd and Lowe** (312) 520-3066
- ▶ **Apt. 30th Emerald**, 2 bdrms, newly remodeled, washer & dryer on location, call 312 375 5323
- ▶ **Apt. 2-Bdrm**, Dining Rm, front rm, kitchen. 312-282-0097
- ▶ **Apt. 29th Shields**, 5 rms, 2 bdrm, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. 312-593-2864.
- ▶ **Apt. 33rd Lowe**, 5-Rm, 3 Bdrm., h/w flrs, Appliances, \$975 plus utilities & sec. 773-852-4244.

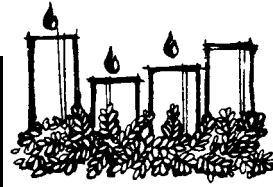
WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Third Sunday of Advent

It is obvious from today's Gospel that John the Baptist was a practical man. Indeed, Christianity is practical: not just a matter of God and me, but of God, me and others.

The theme of the nearness of the Lord is at the heart of the Gospel. John the Baptist tells the people what they must do for others in order to prepare for the Lord's coming and to escape his searching for judgment. At the same time he makes it

clear that he is subordinate to Jesus.

We are preparing for the Lord's coming at Christmas. We have no doubt that he will come, but he doesn't come to us only at Christmas. He comes to us always, and at the oddest times and places, and wearing different disguises. He often comes in the person in need. To make way, or even just to make room for another person calls for humility and generosity of spirit.



The presence of God is the cause of our joy, and happiness

is the best sign of his presence. The Lord is very near. The joy that this world cannot give is the joy that comes from a sense of God and his love for us. John the Baptist proclaimed this so that the people could prepare for the coming of the Lord.

St. Jerome's Centennial Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome, Oct. 8-18, 2012



Day 4 - Friday, Oct. 12 - Roma

We arrive in Rome, at the Hotel Universo, in the very heart of the city. Rome's traffic is an experience in itself. If you are the first one to get on the road (whether car driver or a pedestrian) it's yours. Everybody else is beeping to show how impatient they are. But for us... that's fine, our souls are in great shape. Hotel Universo is nice. Some of us talk a walk through the local streets and a surprise: we meet Zorica Matkovic, the former Croatian Consul General in Chicago and Ambassador to Israel, now General Secretary of the Government in Croatia... Wow...

DAY 5 - Saturday, Oct. 13 - Roma - the Vatican

We start our day early in the morning. By 7 A.M., we are aboard our tour bus...on our way to the Vatican. Most of us have never been there before. What are we going to see? What should we expect? For Romans this is "early" morning. It's Saturday, people are off, quiet morning. No traffic, hooraay... For Rome that is a major advantage. We stroll through the city that has seen everything this world could offer. From the most powerful, most educated, most known to the most bizarre and most extreme human actions, programs, policies and long centuries of influential decisions. We cross the Tiber River and the bridge. Our bus drops us off at Via della Conciliazione, the main road that leads to St. Peter's Square.

Via della Conciliazione (Road of the Conciliation) was constructed between 1936 and 1950, and it is the primary access route to the Square (under the order of Benito Mussolini). The first building we see on the left side with

a flag is the Croatian Embassy to the Vatican (the first embassy next to St. Peter's Square). Beautiful morning. The sun just came out. Its rays paint the Basilica into a golden masterpiece. Our first group picture is taken... memorable moment. Some of us are filled with great emotion. We enter this huge Basilica, the largest church in Christianity. We walk around to get the first feel of this magnificent place. Fr. Ivan, our guide, Jim and I head to the sacristy. It is like a bus station. Priests come from around the world dress for Mass, take chalices and books, and head for their altar. There are 44 altars on the main floor of the Basilica and many more in the crypt. Our destination is the very crypt of the Basilica, beneath



Mass in a crypt chapel in
St. Peter's Basilica

the main altar on which only the Pope celebrates Mass. Our chapel designated for us this morning is just a few feet away from the tomb of St. Peter. We have some time before Mass for a walk to the tomb of the first Apostle. Quite an experience to be there. Just a few feet away from Peter's tomb is the former tomb of Blessed John Paul II (whose body was moved up to the main floor of the Basilica). Next to him was Pope Paul VI. We celebrate the Mass. I preach about the fisherman from Galilee, named Simon,

who decided to follow Christ leaving everything behind. He is the one to whom Jesus entrusted the keys. He called him Petrus, the Rock upon whom he will "build his church." From Palestine, Peter came to Rome to preach. Was imprisoned and crucified under Nero around the year 65. Before his crucifixion he asked to be crucified upside down, not being worthy of the same death as his Master and Teacher. And the Basilica marks the very site of Peter's death. *(to be continued...)*

Fr. Joe

Welcome, Bishop Rojas

We wish Bishop Alberto Rojas, who is our bishop for this portion of the Archdiocese of Chicago, a warm welcome to our special Mass concluding our Centennial Year.



After the Mass, there will be **refreshments** in the Parish Hall, where there will also be a very **special auction** of tangible pieces of St. Jerome's history: the red crescent mosaics representing the Tongues of Fire of the Holy Spirit, or **the Boomerangs** (Fr. Mark Kozina used to enjoy hearing their nickname).

If you are one of the lucky people to receive one of these pieces in our auction, they will look beautiful in your home. More significant is that they once hung proudly in our beloved St. Jerome Church.

► **Parish Confessions are this weekend:** Sunday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. we will have several priests here to hear confessions in a quiet peaceful atmosphere ideal for examining our conscience. Amid all our preparations for Christmas, we should not forget the priority of preparing our souls.

► **Christmas cards featuring St. Jerome's** can be obtained in our Rectory.

► **Cleaning of the Church this Tuesday:** At 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 18, please come and help us clean the church to look nice for Christmas. We ask all who can help to come. The more who come, the sooner we finish!

► **Boxes of offertory envelopes** are in the entrance area of the church. Please pick up your boxes as soon as possible. Thank you.

► **St. Jerome wall calendars for 2013** are available in the entrance area of the church, thanks to **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home**.

St. Jerome on WTTW Channel 11, an amazing night — thank you!

Thank you to all who participated last Sunday in the showing on PBS Channel 11 of "They Never Walked Alone," the story of St. Jerome Parish's 100-year journey. It was a great success on so many levels, and it was truly a community event! You will be able to obtain copies of this fascinating documentary film about St. Jerome's in our Rectory. Every family should have its copy.

Many of us enjoyed **Fr. Richard Fragoni's** preaching at one of our Velika Gospa Novena Masses this year. Fr. Fragoni enjoyed his time here so much that he obtained a significant relic of St. Leopold Mandic, whose statue is in our Sanctuary. **He will present the relic as a Christmas gift** next Sunday, Dec. 23rd, at the 11 a.m. Mass, at which he will preach (in English of course!) and celebrate with us. Come join us at this special Mass.

Congratulations to St. Jerome School Alumni doing well!

Adriana Kraljevic and Rianna Meo made the First Honors list at Trinity High School in the first block of this school year, and Nicolina Balazs, Kira Bezak and Francesca Gaudio Second Honors.



Maria Babich, who graduated St. Jerome in 2008 and Trinity H.S. in 2012, has been awarded her **International Baccalaureate Diploma**. The I.B. Diploma is awarded to students on the basis of courses in language, a second language, experimental sciences, the arts, math, and computer science. I.B. students also write an extended essay (4,000 words); take a theory of knowledge interdisciplinary course; and show creativity, action, service (community service). Those students, who excel in the classes, pass the final exams and whose extended essays are accepted, receive the diploma. Maria was a full IB student at Trinity and maintained first honors throughout her years there. In addition she is a De Paul Academic, Merit, Dean's and St. Vincent De Paul Scholar. She is currently studying Bio-Medical and Chemical Engineering at DePaul University.

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