

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 3, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Lena & Dom Marino family  
 Petar, Joza & Nikola Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić  
 Catherine Borovina Susan Thomas

**Tuesday – Utorak, December 4, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn Čondić Duško  
 Jack Parker Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Na čast Gospi Anđa Tomić

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 5, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Barbara Wilkie family  
 Jimmy Caruso Louis & Mary Scalise family  
 Nikola Prendivoj supruga i djeca

**Thursday – Četvrtak, December 6, 2012  
St. Nick's Feast Day – Sveti Nikola**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Pinotti Ross Valenti  
 Josip Armić Bože Guvo i obitelj  
 Na čast Gospe Sinjske ob. Ivan Maroš

**Friday – Petak, December 7, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Joe Ciaccio Joan Sipich  
 Michael Donegan Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Saturday – Subota, December 8, 2012  
Immaculate Conception of Mary –  
Bezgrješno Začeće BDM**

**7:30 a.m.** Marko & Tona Čondić Duško  
 Julia Frigan Cathy and Andrew  
 Dec. of Budich and Siani families Kay Siani

**5:30 p.m.** Stanley Szatkowski Szatkowski family  
 Philip T. Rizza Rizza Cadillac Workers  
 Margaret Haptas Wroblewski family  
 Joe Ciaccio Ginny Vulich  
 Curt, Carm, Joy Beckett Mike & Joann Passarelli

**Sunday – Nedjelja, December 9, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Nick LoCoco family  
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško  
 Eleanore Saleski Mr. & Mrs. John Aranza  
 Dec. of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers

**9:30 a.m.** Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich Albina  
 Catherine Jurkovic Jim & Stephanie Lunn  
 Ann Solimine Irene Burich  
 John Botica Maria and Miriam Rodriguez

**11:00 a.m. u spomen**

Zvonimir Gović Luka Markotić i ob.  
 Dana i Stana Vujević Božo i Stoja Kosir  
 Rozalija Galić Josip i Anđa Novak  
 Augustin Rodich Ante Sipich  
 Franjo Tuđman Bože Guvo  
 Andrija i Luca Lišnić sin Tomislav i obitelj  
 Boško Obradović ob. Ruža Šumera  
 Arnold Woolf ob. Drobinić  
 John Nagy Marija Lisnich & family  
 Marijan i Iva Knezović sin Živko i obitelj  
 Mile Lovrić obitelj Ćosić  
 Vid i Paulina Ferenac i Ivan Cukina ob. Ferenac  
 Anton Barun John Barun i obitelj  
 Vjeko Bajić (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Luka Bajić i obitelj  
 Mate i Ana Popović kći Milka Lišnić  
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško  
 Pok. ob. Maroš i Tokić ob. Ivan Maroš

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Sat., Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.** Brian Kenny / Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Dec. 9, 7:30 a.m.** Luanne Munizzi / Matt Pesce  
**Sun., Dec. 9 9:30 a.m.** Diane Krolo / Ellen Ryan

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat., Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.** Mangan, Valenti, Yarus  
**Sun., Dec. 9, 7:30 a.m.** Passarelli, Wilkie  
**Sun., Dec. 9 9:30 a.m.** Nowacki, Sandoval, Zekich  
**Sun., Dec. 9, 11:00 a.m.** J. Dugandžić, M. Karačić,  
 L. Draženović, N. Brčić, A. Ledić

## For Rent

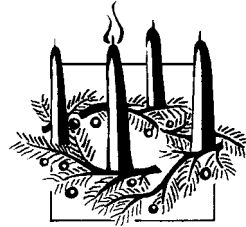
- **Apt. 30<sup>th</sup> Emerald**, 2 bdrms, newly remodeled, washer & dryer on location, call 312 375 5323
- **Apt. 2-Bdrm**, Dining Rm, front rm, kitchen. 312-282-0097
- **Apt. 29<sup>th</sup> Shields**, 5 rms, 2 bdrm, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. 312-593-2864.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

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the First Sunday of Advent

On the First Advent Sunday, each year the Church invites us to embark on a great journey—the journey of a new Liturgical Year. In the course of the year we will relive Christ's journey on earth. We try to see that journey as new, present and alive, because we are not spectators but actors in all of this. The mysteries of Christ's life

are revealed in such a way that we may be drawn into them and become participants in them. That makes it more demanding, but more enriching and exciting too. God is not just the God of the past, but of the present and the future.

Each year we must try to embark on this journey as if for the



first time, hearing it better, understanding it more deeply, and making it more our own. On this First

Sunday of Advent the readings look at the ultimate goal of the journey, namely, the Second coming of Christ, He whom we Christians show to the world by our faith, hope and love.

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



### DAY 3 - Thursday, Oct. 11 - Assisi

Outside the Hermitage on Mt. Subasio, we walk through the forest by the caves which Francis and his Franciscan brothers visited from time to time for meditation and prayer; at times accompanied with singing birds. Silence is present everywhere and the spirit of Francis as well. We walk in silence thinking

our own thoughts, reflecting on our own lives and improving our own faith. The path takes us to the back of the mountain to a beautiful outdoor chapel. We sit in silence letting our souls reflect. I share with everyone just a few points about soul searching. Our soul by its own nature searches for its own path. Its best friend on this journey is silence because silence is where we might participate in the most important conversation with God and our own self. Silence defines our very character. Listening is an act of communication. Souls that are ready to listen find wisdom. Francesco teaches us that we have to do this in order to understand ourselves. Silence taught him and teaches us three important fundamentals of our spirituality - humility, unselfishness, and service. Our spiritual needs



Soul searching at outdoor chapel

require time, silence and reflection so that we may obtain wisdom and virtue to live our days happily in order to serve as an inspiration to others.

We walk back to the beautiful Hermitage chapel for a Mass of Thanksgiving. During the Mass we pray for and express our thanks for the people in our lives, gifts given to us those in our families, our parish and our church. It is important to give thanks to the Giver for his gifts. At the Mass, I give thanks for the people of St. Jerome and the time that we have spent together during the last 16 years. We try to imagine how our life would be quite different if it weren't for the gift of meeting each other. At the end of the Mass, Joanne reads the Canticle of the

Sun, a beautiful poem written by St. Francis just before he died. Today is the 11th day of October, the beginning of the Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict today at the Vatican. We reflect on the importance of this beautiful gift.

The shuttle buses take us back through the most beautiful hills of Umbria through different gates. We return by way of the Basilica of St. Francis to our Hotel Fontabella.

Time to relax, get good Italian coffee, hear people's reflections and wait for dinner. I make a few updates of our Facebook page. I hope you enjoy reading this as much as we enjoyed walking through these places that opened our eyes anew.

PAX et BONUM.

Fr. Joe

*(to be continued...)*

## Sun., Dec. 9, PBS movie on 'St. Jerome at 100'

"They Never Walked Alone" — a film about 100 years of St. Jerome's — will be broadcast on PBS, Channel 11 next Sunday, Dec. 9th from 6 to 7 P.M. Tell your family and friends. Hold a viewing party! We also need 40 volunteers to be at PBS answering phones from pledge givers.

We will also have our pastor on the air during the break in the film.

This opportunity to show our film is during a WTTW Channel 11 pledge drive. So the more of us who make a pledge during the hour of our show, the better. Please consider thanking the people who bring us everything from Sesame Street to Nova documentaries (and our documentary) with a pledge this time. It will be a way to thank them for showing our story to a larger public, and if the pledge drive is successful for them in our hour, then other cities might play the show as well.



**St. Jerome Catholic School is celebrating 90 years** of quality Catholic education on **February 2, 2013**. If you are a St. Jerome alum and have not received "a save the date" card in the mail, please contact Jan Ferro at or 312-560-3864 or e-mail at: [alumni@stjermoeschool.net](mailto:alumni@stjermoeschool.net) or call school office 312 842 7668.



St. Jerome  
Catholic School

**Help St. Jerome School to continue to grow in the future** by coming to our **Open House** bringing family and friends with young children who might be interested in enrolling in our school. This **Christmastime Open House** is full of learning centers, stories, hot cocoa and lots of fun. It is **Friday, Dec. 14, with 3 & 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten from Noon to 1 p.m. and Kindergarten from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** Contact the school at 312 842 7668 for more information.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass — Join the Christmas Cast! In the back of the church you will find forms with more info, and you can join by filling out the form.

## Closing Mass for our 100th

**A solemn Mass on Dec. 16 to officially close our first 100 years and begin our second century will be celebrated by our Bishop Alberto Rojas, at 10:30 a.m. Bring family and friends to this special Mass. There will be refreshments afterward.** No 9:30 or 11 a.m. Masses that day, but there will be the usual 7:30 a.m. Mass.



A very special **Auction** will be held this day, Dec. 16: the Symbols of the Tongues of Fire of the Holy Spirit will be auctioned...



### A Little Bit of St. Jerome Church History

In the 1970s St. Jerome Church underwent a "make over." Fr. Mark Kozina was our pastor at the time. The Sanctuary was so strikingly different, it caused much controversy. There were roughly 40 red mosaic pieces on the Sanctuary's back wall. Some parishioners called them "tongues of fire," "red birds," and the more pious called them "symbols of the Holy Spirit." The description that gave Fr. Mark the biggest chuckle was "boomerangs." 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.

**The City Hall Concert by the St. Jerome Children's Choir will be this Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Noon.** Everyone should go downtown and let them lift your spirits!

**The Advent Giving Tree is now in the back of the Church.** Help needy kids this Christmas by reminding them that people do care.

**Next week's second collection is for the Fund for Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers.** We can remember the contributions made by our Precious Blood Sisters.