

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 13, 2012**

7:30 a.m. John "Ish" Botica Cannatello family
 Mary Boban Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Bill, Mary & Chuck Marino Wally & Grace Gusich
 Mary & Mike Romano JoAnn & Peter Peso

**Tuesday – Utorak, February 14, 2012
St. Valentine – Sveti Valentin**

7:30 a.m. Ann Kotarac Jim & Maryann Saracco
 Mary Ann Romano Romano family
 John "Ish" Botica Gen & family

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 15, 2012

7:30 a.m. Ivan Žužić Maria & Alain Rinfret
 Clara Copecci Cannatello family
 Paul Budvitis Mary Fratto
 Ann Kotarac Kotarac family

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 16, 2012

7:30 a.m. Joseph Bogetich family
 Paul Krstulovich Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Na odluku ob. Ivan Maroš
 Na nakanu ob. Penavić

8:05 a.m. Pro populo—for deceased & living of parish

Friday – Petak, February 17, 2012

7:30 a.m. Ann Kotarac Michael Rogulich
 Tony "Bear" Giello Perisin family
 Joe Bozich wife & family

Saturday – Subota, February 18, 2012

7:30 a.m. Milka Morić Agnes Rodich
 Na nakanu Duško

5:30 p.m. Marie Balestri Anthony DeGrazia family
 Mary Ann Romano Mary Fratto
 Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 Iva Kozina Maria & Miriam Rodriguez
 Dominick Bruno Peter Sperando
 Diane Dispensa Mary Ann & Michael DiVito
 George Kamberos Terri & Sam Babich
 Josephine Vetos Jim & sons
 Paul Krstulovich loving daughter
 Jozo Galić & dec. of Galić fam. ob. Bešlić
 Dec. of Sobocan fam. Chris & Matt Pesce

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 19, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Lasker Catherine LoCoco
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
 Deceased of Bubla family Emily Dengler
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

9:30 a.m. Corrado Sarro Giggie
 Ann Kotarac Mary Ann & Angelo Ciaravino
 Della Neeson Mark Gusich
 Paul Krstulovich Mossman family
 Jose Mijares Mark Gusich & family
 Diane Dispensa Rose Marie Sestito
 John "Ish" Botica Ken, Jan & John Zekich
 Jerome Wiencek Mark, Taylor & Mark Gusich
 Mary Boban M/M Michael DiVito
 Mary Jayne Caserio cousin Giggie

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Sofija Petrina Anica Ostojić
 Mila Tomić Ivan i Iva Mišetić
 Zvonimir Gović Milka Lišnić
 Jure Misetic Maria Sipich
 Ante i Vinka Kraljević Božo i Stoja Kosir
 Ana Vlaičević Miro i Ankica Kikaš
 Augustin Rodich Ante Sipich
 Filip Žaper ob. Petar Žaper
 Ante Žaper ob. Petar Žaper
 Vjekoslav Bajić ob. Luka Bajić
 Mate Badrov ob. Jozo i Milena Badrov
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. ob. Jurilj ob. Ante i Anica Lončar

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m. Bobby Cannatello Jr. / Jan Ferro
Sun., Feb. 19, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce / Matt Pesce
Sun., Feb. 19 9:30 a.m. Sonia Antolec / MaryBeth Insalaco
Sun., Feb. 19, 11:00 a.m. Mariana Kikaš, Ivana Kosir

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m. Bova, Ciambrone, Valenti
Sun., Feb. 19, 7:30 a.m. Mangan, Perseghin
Sun., Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m. Lucente, Olson, Meo
Sun., Feb. 19, 11:00 a.m. Deni Grgić, M. Karačić,
 Dominik Grgić, Darko Grgić, M. Golub, A. Ledić

For Rent

► **Apt. 2701 S. Lowe**, 1 bdrm, 1st fl., fully furnished. \$700, gas/electr. not incl. 1 month sec. dep., & credit check req. Call Mary 312 225 7220 after 5 p.m.
 ► **Apt. 26th Princeton, 1st floor**, 3 bdrms, newly remod., all utilities included, porch & backyard. Rent- \$ 1,175. Call Mike- 773 425 7001.
 ► **Apt. 34th & Lowe**, 5 rooms, 3 bdrms, hardwood floors. Rent \$1,000. Call 773 315 4748
 ► **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.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In biblical times leprosy was believed to be highly contagious, so lepers were forced to live outside the community. They were *untouchables*. Theirs was a cold, lonely existence.

Jesus saw the leper approaching, and allowed him to come right up to him. Imagine how good the leper felt when Je-

sus touched him. The leper's body was wounded by disease, but his spirit was even more deeply wounded by rejection and abandonment. In touching him Jesus both cured his disease and healed his wounded spirit.

Jesus reached out a loving and healing hand toward an outcast. He challenges us, his fol-

lowers, to reach out as well to those who are rejected today.

Christ accepted the leper, and he accepts us. In our turn we can rekindle hope in someone else, help the vulnerable, and thus mirror dimly the infinite compassion of God. Jesus stretches our capacity for compassion.

Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps

Thirteenth in a series

Day 10: Thurs., Nov. 10

We started our Thursday morning by going to the **Church of Peter**, which is on the shore of the **Sea of Galilee** where the Risen Jesus met Peter, Nathaniel, Thomas, the two sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. Jesus saw them fishing 100 yards from the shore, and he prepared fish on a charcoal fire for their breakfast. A simple, small, stone church commemorates that spot and within the church is the rock upon which Jesus prepared this meal for them. The Franciscans put a sign on this rock that says "Mensa Christi" which means "table of Christ." It is also the place where Jesus asked Peter three times whether he loved him. When Peter proclaimed his love for Jesus, he told Peter "*feed my sheep, feed my lambs.*" Jesus forgave Peter for having denied him three times at the house of Caiaphas and at the same time, he established Peter's place as the first among the Apostles, hence the name for this

site: the Primacy of Peter. I preside at an outdoor Mass at 8 a.m., with the most beautiful view of the Sea of Galilee before us, just a few yards away. We are all transfixed by the scene before us, and the thoughts of the great events that happened on these shores 2,000 years ago. After Mass, we walk the few steps down to the shore and wade in the waters of the Sea of Galilee. The water is nice and warm to our feet, and the rocks are still there. Peace is very present in great abundance. It is an amazing gift that we had the entire beach to ourselves for 40 minutes, before other busloads of pilgrims arrived. Immediately adjacent to the church, right on the beach, there are some rocky steps that are called the steps of the Apostles, because that is the place where the Apostles gathered. It is a very powerful place, made all the more powerful by the great simplicity found there. A simple church built over a rock, a beach, waves gently rolling onto the shore, rocks, stone steps. A feeling of fulfillment and contentment in the air. I took some rocks from the Sea to bring home with me. I will bring the biggest one to St. Jerome, to place on the

altar. As we were walking around the beach gathering our rocks and shells, suddenly I saw a familiar face — Fr. Ed Linton, a Benedictine priest from St. James, a parish only seven blocks from St. Jerome! He was there with a group as well! This Holy Land truly seems to be a place of many encounters!

After spending time at shore of the Sea of Galilee, we get on the bus and take a long ride up to the **Golan Heights**, which has been occupied by Israel since 1967. We come to a place called **Caesarea Philippi**, the place where Jesus said to Peter "you are Petros, the Rock, upon which I will build my Church." Only by coming here do we understand why he said "rock" because there is a HUGE red rock, about 100 feet high. It reflects strength and power. In ancient times, this was a place where temples to pagan gods were located (to Pan and others), in addition to being a place where a Roman palace once stood. The ruins of these struc-



Fr. Ed and Fr. Joe meet on the shore of the Sea of Galilee

tures are still very visible. Jesus brought his Apostles to this place dedicated to the worship of false gods, and tells them that he is building a **NEW CHURCH**, and that Peter will be the **ROCK** of that Church. Interestingly enough, everything is gone except the ruins of those temples and palaces, but the message, the Church and the presence of Jesus remains. The false gods are long forgotten, but Jesus is eternal and ever present. The Gospel passage about this encounter and Jesus' commissioning of Peter to be the Rock is found in John 21:1-19. Again we see how intentional Jesus was. He specifically went to this place, which must have taken several days to walk to, to tell Peter about his new role in the Church that Jesus was establishing. Once again this land is rightly called the fifth Gospel. When you read the Gospel texts in the very site where it happened, it makes perfect sense.

(to be continued)

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This weekend we make our pledges for the 2012 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

“Be Imitators of Christ!”

Last weekend we received a brochure describing the good that results from the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The Appeal supports parish ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults in economically disadvantaged communities. It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial

assistance for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a *pledge* campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

Please reflect on God’s gifts to you. He has given each one of us all that we have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world can be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envi-

sion how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Our 100th anniversary yearbook

Time is running out. If you have not yet given us your form and materials for our centennial yearbook, please do so as soon as possible—the deadline was Feb. 1. We would like, if possible, that every family would be represented not only with a picture of the current generation but also through ancient pictures from the family album of the earliest generations at St. Jerome’s, pictures with faces, names and dates if possible of our ancestors in the faith. Your photos should be put on a CD or flash drive.

Spiritual renewal for men? Come March 1st

Last year, our parish’s women of the Marian Society went to Notre Dame on retreat. What about the men of our parish? Spiritual fatherhood, brotherhood are themes to be explored at a workshop for men to be led by Fr. Joe on March 1st. This workshop, in English, will be a time of learning, prayer, fellowship.

Girls’ Night Out — Have something to sell?

HSA is hosting a **Girls’ Night Out** (adults only) on Friday, March 9, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.. We are currently looking for vendors to be a part of the evening (jewelry, crafts, candles, food, etc.) If you are part of a direct sales business or have your own business and want to reserve a space for the event please contact the school office at 312-842-7668 no later than Thursday February 16. Please be advised that space is limited. Cost is \$25 per vendor table plus a donation of an item (value \$25) that will be raffled off the night of the event. All sales are yours to keep. Appetizers and desserts will be provided at no charge. Beer/wine/pop and coffee will be available for purchase. When finished manning the tables, join in the fun of LRC (Left-Right-Center) dice game, pull tabs and music. It will be a GREAT FUN FILLED night. We hope you will join us for the HAS-sponsored GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT!

Save the date: PALACINKA BREAKFAST, April 1

An invitation to share YOUR MEMORIES of people, generations, families, events...

We invite our parishioners who wish to share with us **short stories tied to St. Jerome’s**. We will save the stories and print some in our bulletin. These would be your family’s memories or your personal memories of our common life in this parish. It could be stories of Velika Gospa, or of great priests, or of funny happenings, etc. We invite you to record these stories now, and then to give them to us personally, or mail or e-mail them to us. We have already received some charming stories!

And as always, we appreciate the chance to copy St. Jerome-related letters and photographs for our archives.

CROATIA TRIP: only a few seats left

The St. Jerome Centennial Year Trip to Croatia from June 27 to July 9 is almost full. If you are seriously interested in going on this well-planned trip from our community to Croatia (visiting Zagreb, Opatija, the Plitivice lakes, Split, Trogir, Medjugorje, historic Dubrovnik, etc.), please contact Louis Scalise at 312 287 3454 as soon as possible.

Maybe a centennial pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi?

After our fruitful parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the start of our centennial year at St. Jerome’s, some have expressed a desire to go to Rome. If you are interested in a pilgrimage this October to Rome and St. Francis’s town of Assisi, please let us know.