

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 20, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Lee Barcik Catherine & Nick Perisin
William Gusich Giggie

Tuesday – Utorak, February 21, 2012

7:30 a.m. Jozo Čondić Duško
Frane Stasić obitelj
Josip Golub ob. Tomić
Dec. of Perkovich family Kotarac family

**Wednesday – Srijeda, February 22, 2012
Ash Wednesday – Čista srijeda, Pepelnica**

7:30 a.m. Mary Boban Stretch & El
Valraie Sanfratello Catherine & Nick Perisin

9:00 a.m. Pro populo—for parish's living & deceased

7:00 p.m. Pro populo—for parish's living & deceased

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 23, 2012

7:30 a.m. Josip Jazvac Božo & Stoja Kosir
Joseph Pinotti Ross Valenti
Marino Prendivoj mama i obitelj

Friday – Petak, February 24, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dolly Vari Mike & Karen Wagner
Frane Stasić obitelj
Intentions of Celeste Lisak Louzon family

Saturday – Subota, February 25, 2012

7:30 a.m. Rozalija Galić Debbie Kodzoman
Dominick Bruno Mary Tadin
William Gusich Mary Fratto

5:30 p.m. Dinko Buškain Nevenka Badrov i ob.
Eva Butera Cannatello family
Mary Ann Romano Romano family
Dominick Bruno Juliana Perisin & Charlie DiCaro
Gisele Pierre Ratmasamy family
Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Chris & Lisa
Maria Ann Gazzi Gazzi family
Frank Szatkowski Szatkowski family

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 26, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dorothy June Lasker Bob & Nancy Link
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
Dominick Bruno Ann Contino
Patricia Shimkus Ann Contino

9:30 a.m. Lorraine Pascente Cortez family
Ann Kotarac Nick Bilandic
Paul Krstulovich Nicolette Bernardi
Della Neeson Jadi Juric
John Catezone Joe & Rosie Senese
Marion Catezone Cathy Amato
Marie DiVito (4th Anniv.) family
Joe Vetos friend Giggie
Leo Cosentino family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Zvonimir Gović Dujo Šušnjara i ob.
Rozalija Galić ob. Paraga
Augustin Rodich Agnes Rodich i ob.
Josip Ostojić Anica Ostojić
Mate Peهار ob. Mario Peهار
Vjekoslav Bajić teta Ana Bajić
Mara Runac Louis & Mary Scalise
Rafo Rogić ob. Jadre Rogić
Lorraine Pascente Cortez family
Vice i Stana Mišura ob. Jakov i Milenka Bilonić
Grgo i Ana Bilonić ob. Jakov i Milenka Bilonić
Luka i Mara Dugandžić Jure i Zlata Dugandžić
Tomislav Hostička ujak Tomislav Lišnić i ob.
Grgo i Milica Bilonić kći Milenka Lišnić i ob.
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
Pok. ob. Barun Mijo i Zdenka Barun
Pok. ob. Milković ob. Martin Milković

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m. Vincent Kenny / Jan Ferro
Sun., Feb. 26, 7:30 a.m. Emmett Turney / Rosemary Brich
Sun., Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Feb. 26, 11:00 a.m. Damjan Karlović, Ivanka Paraga, Nikolina Mađer

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m. Passarelli, Wilkie, Yarus
Sun., Feb. 26, 7:30 a.m. Balazs, Lucente
Sun., Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m. Insalaco, Ruich, Sandoval
Sun., Feb. 26, 11:00 a.m. K. Hostička, M. Kosić, L. Kosić, N. Brčić, A. Hostička, L. Draženović

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 at 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

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus began with the spiritual, saying to the paralyzed man, "Child, your sins are forgiven." This scandalized the Scribes, but Jesus went on to prove that he indeed had the power to forgive sins by curing the man's physical illness too.

Jesus came to save the whole person—soul and body. So now he said

to the paralytic: "Rise, pick up your mat and go home." And the man left the room on his own feet. Besides, his soul was clean and bright and at peace.

We may not need physical healing at this moment, but we certainly need spiritual healing. This is how the miracle applies to us. Sin can be regarded as a spiritual paralysis that

affects us all. We need the Lord's forgiveness and healing. We need to bring our sins and ills to him in humility and trust. And we go to confession for serious sin. Then he will say to us, "Your sins are forgiven. Now go and live as a child of God." And hearing those words we too will praise God, and walk in the freedom of the children of God.

Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps

Fourteenth in a series

Day 10: Thurs., Nov. 10

The Golan Heights is an area that is about 40 miles long and 8 to 16 miles wide. We stop for lunch in a Druze village, which is a Muslim sect, quite different from the other Muslims we have been seeing. At the restaurant, I have another interesting encounter. I see the pastor of St. Bridget Church in Rockford, Illinois, where Fr. Ivan and I go once a month to celebrate Mass for the Croatian community there. Our next stop is an observation post that is a few hundred yards from the border with Syria. In front of us, on a plateau is the Syrian border, behind us on a hill is an Israeli military post, and between the two is a United Nations camp. The fence or dividing line is very close to where we are standing. Everybody is fighting for this piece of land.

The last new place that we will visit in the Sea of Galilee region is Kursi, where Jesus encountered a demoniac and expelled the demons into a herd of swine, which then ran over a cliff into the Sea. It is interesting that in the Gospels, it says that this place is "on the other side" of the Sea of Galilee. It is a powerful image to see that



Our last Mass in Holy Land, on the Mt. of Beatitudes

on one side of the Sea is the beautiful message of the Mount of Beatitudes, and on the other side is the "evil side" where Jesus expelled the demons. The church was built in the 4th century to commemorate this event. It is a strange feeling here.... Even now... You can read about this event in Matthew 8:23-33.

Day 11: Friday, 11/11/11

Today is our last day in the Holy Land. After breakfast, we load our luggage on the bus, and check out of the Leonardo Plaza hotel (which, by the way, was excellent, and whose hospitality was superb). Before driving west to the Mediterranean Sea, we return to the Mount of Beatitudes one last time, where Fr. Ivan presides at a beautiful outdoor Mass, on the very hill where Jesus gave his famous Sermon on the Mount. The view from this mountain toward the Sea of Galilee is breathtaking, a playground of the sun, water and the hills. When the light of the sun hits the Sea of Galilee you see countless rays spreading out and shimmering on the Sea. It is quite a picture, which reminds me of an old saying "when the sun touches the earth, life begins." The Sermon

on the Mount which was spoken here on this very place still echoes around the globe on each continent and in peoples hearts. We say our final goodbye to Galilee, the home of Jesus' public ministry and the place of most of his teaching. The feeling is like saying goodbye to your own home or family. There is something that deeply connects us to these places, villages, hills, roads, ruins and the Sea.

We travel across the state of Israel going west to Haifa, which is the home of Israel's main shipyard. It is a city on the Mediterranean coast with many modern buildings, businesses and industry. We drive up to the big hill above the city, where the beautiful Church of Stella Maris is located, the home of the Carmelites, the home of the Brown Scapular, the home of many beginnings. The church is beautiful with a cave inside of it, which is believed to be one of the caves where the prophet Elijah used to hide. Then on the same mountain range of Mt. Carmel, our next stop is another Carmelite church, where it is believed Elijah offered sacrifice. The story of pagan gods and Elijah's role in slaying the false

prophets is commemorated here. Above the church there is a beautiful observation deck from where we can see half of Israel, all the way to Nazareth, Mount Tabor, towards Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Now we are on our way to the Mediterranean Sea, to Caesarea Maritima. Herod the Great built this city, which has a big harbor that connected this city to Rome, as well as having built a coliseum and a very impressive aqueduct. The ride along the Mediterranean Sea is beautiful. I oftentimes try to imagine how the Apostles, in the time of Jesus and after, traveled this land as well as the whole Mediterranean region all the way to Rome. It is an impressive land with unique topography and a most intriguing history. It feels like the whole world somehow connects here and is involved in the past and future of this land. And to us was given the gift of coming here, seeing, experiencing, connecting and reconnecting. In the end, life depends on how we connect to the source of life — to the Lord.

We arrive in Tel Aviv shortly and check into our final hotel, the Dan Panorama, located right on the Mediterranean Sea. But we will only be here for a few hours, since we have to leave for the airport in the very early hours of the morning.

(to be continued)

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Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is here
This Wednesday, Feb. 22, is Ash Wednesday and ashes will be administered at the end of Masses at **7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.** This is a day of abstaining from meat (as on all Lenten Fridays) and a day of fasting (for those under 60: just one full meal, other meals much lighter, and no snacking).

During Lent we will have **Stations of the Cross** in English on Fridays at 7 p.m.

Also during Lent, we'll participate in the tradition of **almsgiving to the poor** by helping a Bridgeport food pantry: **Benton House**. Bring non-perishable food to the church or rectory.

The Bakalar Dinner is coming!

Saturday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. this delicious tradition continues in our Parish Hall.

**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 photos for our archives.

Maybe a centennial pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi?

If you are interested in a pilgrimage this October to Rome and St. Francis's town of Assisi, please let us know.

**This weekend we can
still make pledges for
2012 Archdiocesan
Annual Catholic Appeal**

"Be Imitators of Christ!"

Much good 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.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**More info on health mandate versus
First Amendment's freedom of religion**

Last weekend at the Masses we heard a letter from Cardinal George regarding a threat to the First Amendment's freedom of religion: the consciences of Catholic employers who are against abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives would be violated by being forced to pay for such drugs through insurance mandates.

A web site was mentioned in the Cardinal's letter: the U.S. bishops' conference has a continually updated site on this fast-changing issue at **www.usccb.org/conscience**

Fr. Paul Maslach's Golden Jubilee: March 17

Fr. Paul, one of our dear Franciscan priests and a former pastor here at St. Jerome's, will soon be 50 years a priest! His current parish of Sacred Heart in Milwaukee, Wis., will be holding a celebration for him on his ordination anniversary: Saturday, March 17, with Mass at 4:30 p.m. and a fest in the parish hall afterward. If you wish to attend, please call Sacred Heart's office (414-774-9418) or our rectory (312-842-1871).

For spiritual renewal for men, come Mar. 14 (new date)

Spiritual fatherhood and brotherhood are themes to be explored at a workshop for men to be led by Fr. Joe on Wednesday, March 14. This workshop (in English) will be a time of learning, prayer, fellowship.

"Girls' Night Out" coming Friday, March 9

The Home/School Association is hosting a **Girls' Night Out** (adults only) on Friday, March 9, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Join in the fun of LRC (Left-Right-Center) dice game, pull tabs and music. It promises to be a great fun-filled night.

Save the date: PALACINKA BREAKFAST, April 1