

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 27, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Margaret Marcello Pace family  
Frane Stasić obitelj  
Luca Galić Pero Galić i ob.  
Na čast svetog Ani Marija Tomić

**Tuesday – Utorak, February 28, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Jozo Martić Nevenka Badrov i ob.  
Josip Nagy (100<sup>th</sup> B-day rememb.) ob. Stipe Tokić  
Peter Pivac (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) family

**Wednesday – Srijeda, February 29, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Ann Romano Romano family  
Mary Triveri Stretch & El

**Thursday – Četvrtak, March 1, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Rozalija Galić Josip Trogrančić  
Marko Vlastelica Dragan & Janice Subašić

**Friday – Petak, March 2, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary & Danny Ruglio Hostička family  
Na čast Srcu Isusovu Dragica Karačić

**Saturday – Subota, March 3, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** William Gusich Toni Zaninovich  
Na nakanu Josip i Iva Prša

**5:30 p.m.** Paul Krstulovich Dengler Jr. family  
Dominick Bruno Catherine & Nick Perisin  
John Catezone Joe & Lisa Amoruso  
Marion Catezone Vera Bozich  
Augustin Rodich ob. Stipe Tokić  
Frank Szatkowski Szatkowski family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, March 4, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Dorothy June Lasker Bob & Nancy Link  
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško  
John "Ish" Botica Gen & family  
Marin Condic Ann Contino  
Frank & Catherine Munizzi Mary Fratto  
Anthony Tadin Tadin family

**9:30 a.m.** Ann Kotarac Nick Bilandic  
Carmen Tadeo Majic family  
Paul Krstulovich Chris & Matt Pesce  
James (Jack) and Christopher Tukich Irene Tukich  
Chris Tukich & family Irene Tukich  
Joseph Pacelli and family Irene Tukich  
Carmen, Carmella & Tommy LaPapa daughter  
Mary Boban Giggie  
Evelyn Miloslavich family

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

Ivan Pavić Kata Pavić  
Rozalija Galić Marija i Perica Dušević  
Dumica i Ljubo Tanfara djeca  
Frank i Maria Cecchini Bruno i Jasna  
Zvonimir Gović Luka Markotić i ob.  
Marijan Zurak Anica Ostojić i ob.  
Frane Rogić ob. Jadre Rogić  
Grgo Čerkez Mila i Henrik Solina  
Krešo Bencun Mario i Ankica Peهار  
Marko Mišerda Ljubica i Marko Akrap  
Zorka i Ive Dušević sin Perica i ob.  
Stipe i Lenny Bajić Tomislav Lišnić i ob.  
Marko Karačić i pok ob. Karačić ob. Karačić  
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško  
Pok. ob. Bralo Mijo i Zdenka Barun

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Sat., Mar. 3, 5:30 p.m.** Brian Kenny / Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Mar. 4, 7:30 a.m.** Luanne Munizzi / Rosemary Brcich  
**Sun., Mar. 4, 9:30 a.m.** Kica DiVito / Ellen Ryan  
**Sun., Mar. 4, 11:00 a.m.** Nikolina Mađer, Mariana  
Kikaš, Ante Ledić

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat., Mar. 3, 5:30 p.m.** Babich, Perseghin, Wilkie  
**Sun., Mar. 4, 7:30 a.m.** Mossman, Olson  
**Sun., Mar. 4, 9:30 a.m.** Mangan, Sandoval, Zekich  
**Sun., Mar. 4, 11:00 a.m.** Deni Grgić, K. Šego, M.  
Golub, M. Karačić, J. Dugandžić, Darko Grgić

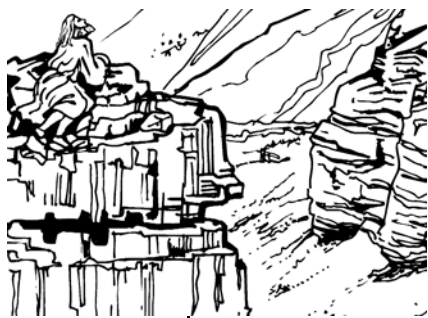
## For Rent

► **Apt. 2701 S. Lowe**, 1 bdrm, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 26<sup>th</sup> Princeton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**, 3 bdrms, newly  
remod., all utilities included, porch & backyard.  
Rent: \$1,175. Call Mike at 773 425 7001.  
► **Apt. 34<sup>th</sup> & Lowe**, 5 rooms, 3 bdrms, hardwood  
floors. Rent \$1,000. Call 773 315 4748  
► **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

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 544 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> St. (was Martha  
Depeder's) Single fam. residence, 2-3 bdrms, 2 car  
garage, call Jean or Jerry 312-326-0027

**WEEKLY MEDITATION for the First Sunday of Lent**

Today's Gospel invites us to renew our choice for God. Lent touches something in us all. Meditating on Jesus fasting and praying in the desert moves us, but it also invites us to look at our own lives. It challenges us to improve ourselves, but often our efforts at renewal do not go deep enough.



If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives, we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. The "change of heart" to which Lent invites us cannot be accomplished without tapping the power of prayer. Even though repentance and

prayer are always appropriate, they are especially so during Lent. Lent is a great window of opportunity. It is the Church's "Holy Spring." It is indeed a time of penance and effort, but also a time of joy. It is truly like Spring. And as Easter approaches, the sun gets brighter and warmer. What do we have to do? Turn from the Self, to love; be kind; act justly and walk humbly with God. Let go of the rags of sin, so that he may clothe us in the newness of life.

**Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps**

*Fifteenth in a series*

**Tel Aviv, Israel  
Day 12: Saturday,  
November 12, 2011**

At 1:30 a.m. we leave for Ben Gurion International Airport to head back home. Our lives are forever changed. Our hearts are full. We have been deeply touched by this Land, most Holy! Along the way, we have encountered many people, both from the past and the present, for this seems to be the land of encounters.

We have encountered Mary, the Apostles, and many others we read about in the Scriptures, and we have learned many lessons from them.

We have encountered the present-day inhabitants of this land and have

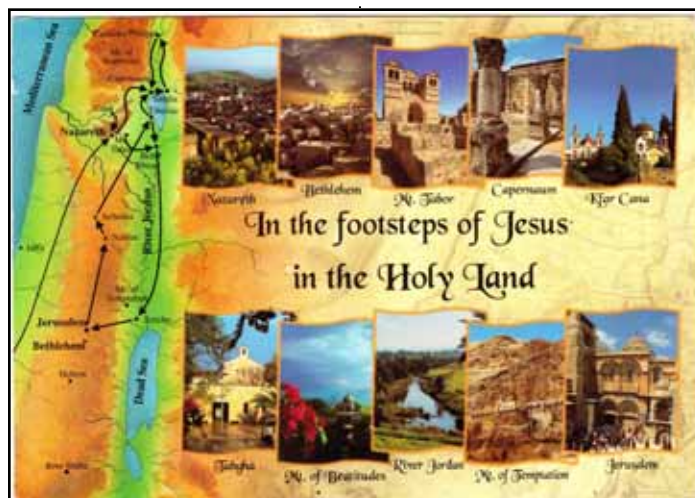
seen firsthand the realities and the difficulties of life in Israel.

We have had chance encounters with numerous people from back home.

We have encountered ourselves more deeply, in the solitude and intimacy of our own hearts.

And most importantly we have encountered Jesus, who is the reason for our coming here in the first place. May that encounter with him create within us a deeper passion for our life of faith, and may it lead us to a life of greater love. We will treasure these memories forever.

Walking in the Holy Land is an exceptional experience. To enter Jerusalem, which is full of history and symbols, is a big event. To stand at the Western Gate, to walk Jesus' Way of the Cross, to come to Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives or to stand amid the ruins of the pool of Silbam is a major experience. To pass through Jericho and enter the Judean desert



and feel what it means to live in the desert, and to imagine fasting many days, means to read the Bible with new eyes.

And then to go to Galilee! To visit the villages and towns where Christ taught, to enter the synagogue where he spoke to the Jews about the Kingdom of God, means to learn anew and hear anew. To come to the Jordan River which flows even today, means to come to the source, to understand more deeply the Biblical texts, and to strengthen our will to follow his teachings.

A journey to Israel is different from all other

journeys. If you ever have the choice either to go to the Holy Land or to go to any other destination in the whole world, choose the Holy Land. You won't regret it. You will have the opportunity to become a new person and persevere in powerful hope to the end.

May our journey be a blessing for all of you! We carried all of you with us. In spirit, you walked with us in every part of that interesting land, in every place along Christ's earthly journey.

**Your Father Joe**  
*jgrbes@gmail.com*



## Lent

Let us pray together and individually this Lent. Let's pray every day this Lent!

- During Lent we will have **Stations of the Cross** in English on Fridays at 7 p.m.
- Lent is an ideal time to begin the practice of a **daily family Rosary**. You will never regret time spent praying together as a family. And of course continuing this virtuous habit beyond Lent would be even more beneficial to all.
- Daily Mass in our church at 7:30 a.m. Try it this Lent!

**FOOD DRIVE:** This Lent, we will 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. Monetary gifts help too.

*The Bakalar Dinner:* Saturday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. this delicious Lenten tradition continues in our Parish Hall. Get your tickets from members of Club Poljica.

### 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.

### 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, 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*

### Invitations to 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Your invitation to the Centennial Celebration of St. Jerome's on Sunday, April 29 should be arriving soon in your mailbox. If you wish to have invitations sent to someone who is not on our mailing list, please call our office.

### Share your personal 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 copying St. Jerome-related letters and photographs for our archives.

### Maybe a centennial pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi?

If you would like to go on a pilgrimage this October to Rome and St. Francis's town of Assisi, please let us know soon, so we can see if there is sufficient interest.

### Congratulations to our St. Jerome students doing well in high school!

- ◆ At St. Laurence High School, for the past semester, **Marco Rodriguez** made the A Honor Roll and **Thomas Conditto** made B Honor Roll.
- ◆ At De La Salle Institute, on the second quarter's Honor Roll are: **Joseph Arndt, Natalie Arredia, Matthew Castillo, Chloe Garcia, Sara Garcia, Joseph Gazzi, Alexis Ochoa, Timothy Platt, Lauren Rubio, Michael Rubio, Dan Sabbia, Marija Sego** and **Jordan Stegmiller**.
- ◆ At Holy Trinity High School, in the second stage, **Frank Passi** made High Honors.
- ◆ At St. Rita High School, for the past semester, **Christopher Calderon, Brandon Mitchell** and **Zachary Mitchell** made Silver Honors.

**Friday Fish Fries in Lent:** The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Friday fish fry twice this Lent: **March 2nd and 23rd**. All are welcome. Come at 5 p.m. to the **Church Hall of Nativity of Our Lord** Parish, 653 W. 37th St. Tickets for these complete dinners are \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 12 & under. You can purchase your tickets at the door.