

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 30, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Lucy Vuleta Club Poljica  
John Catezone (B-day rememb.) Fran & Larry Roseman

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 31, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Uncle Luka Botica Bobby Cannatello  
Lauretta Kennedy-Murphy Mossman family  
Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce  
Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce

**Wednesday – Srijeda, February 1, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Ivan Žužić Mr. & Mrs. Ante Skukan  
Clara Capecci The Cannatello family  
William Gusich Stretch & El  
Marion Catezone Stretch & El

**Thursday – Četvrtak, February 2, 2012**

Presentation of the Lord—Isusovo prikazanje, Svijećnica

**7:30 a.m.** Nancy Mustari Giggie  
Na čast Srcu Isusovu Dragica Karačić

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

**Friday – Petak, February 3, 2012**

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr—Sv. Blaž, Vlaho

**7:30 a.m.** John Catezone Eva Madia  
Nancy Mustari Giggie  
Marion & John Catezone Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Saturday – Subota, February 4, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Rozalija Galić Debbie Kodzoman  
**5:30 p.m.** Della Neeson Nancy & Bob Link  
Dominick Bruno Mary Fratto  
Paul Krstulovich Peter Sperando  
Mary Ann Romano Ratmasamy family  
Corrado Sarro Mossman family  
John Peso (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) family  
Carm Barbara and Angie Previte K. Ferro  
Duše u čistilištu ob. Bešlić

**Sunday – Nedjelja, February 5, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Jennie Catizone N.N.  
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško  
John "Ish" Botica Gen & family  
Mary Boban Charles & Patricia Marino  
Dec. of Dengler family Emily Dengler  
**9:30 a.m.** Diane Dispensa Cathy Amato  
Ann Kotarac Ben and +Mary  
Maria & Jose Tadeo Majic family  
Paul Krstulovich Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Dominick Bruno Mossman family  
Rose Sheehan Giggie  
Olivia Moreno Wilkie family  
Marion Catezone Giggie

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

Ivan Žužić sin Johnny  
Rozalija Galić Nevenka Soldo i ob.  
Dumica i Ljubo Tanfara djeca  
Frank i Maria Cecchini Bruno i Jasna  
Zvonimir Gović Luka i Davorka Bečić  
Paul Krstulovich ob. Filipović  
Thomas Hostička (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) ob. Hostička  
Štefa Šego Ankica i Miro Kikaš  
Toma i Jaka Šipić Ante Sipich  
Ante Golub sestra Marija  
Stipan Guvo Bože i obitelj  
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško  
Na nakanu N.N.

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Sat., Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m.** Mary Fratto / Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Feb. 5, 7:30 a.m.** Luanne Munizzi / Rosemary Brcich  
**Sun., Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass / Mary Beth Insalaco  
**Sun., Feb. 5, 11:00 a.m.** Mario Pehar, Darko Grgić, Anđela Bajić

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat., Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m.** Babich, Lucente, Perseghin  
**Sun., Feb. 5, 7:30 a.m.** Balazs, Bova  
**Sun., Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.** Insalac, Olson, Passerilli  
**Sun., Feb. 5, 11 a.m.** M. Brajković, N. Brčić, K. Šego, M. Karačić, L. Draženović, J. Dugandžić

## For Rent

► **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 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we read that Jesus' teaching in the synagogue of Capernaum made a deep impression on the people because, unlike the Scribes (the official teachers), he taught them with authority. Jesus spoke in a way that transcended all others.

As soon as Jesus began to

teach, the people recognized at once that there was a freshness and a transparency about his teaching. What most impressed Jesus' listeners was the authority with which he taught. Yet he held no official position.

Jesus spoke with his own voice, with his own authority. He

possessed this kind of authority due to the Father, in a way unequalled by anyone else. Every follower of Christ should be in touch with this kind of authority—we are in touch when we live with Christian integrity. If we are living by anything other than the Truth of Christ, we are undernourished.

Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps

*Eleventh in a series*

**Day 8: Tuesday, Nov. 8, Sermons & Miracles**

Our boat crosses the Sea of Galilee and docks on the shore very near to our next destination, **Capernaum**, known as "the Town of Jesus." After living in Nazareth (about 45 minutes away by bus) for his first 30 years of life, Jesus moved to Capernaum when he began his public ministry, and basically lived there, very likely at the home of his disciple Peter, who lived in Capernaum, 100 feet from the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Fr. Ivan celebrated Mass in the octagonal, glass church which was built above the ruins of the house of St. Peter. We remembered all of your intentions at Mass, as we have done every day, especially those written in our Book of Intentions and in your e-mails and Facebook messages.

Very near to Peter's house is the synagogue, the same site at which Jesus preached. Amazing! Seems unreal. It was here that Jesus preached one of his most important sermons for us as Catholics: Jesus' great discourse on the Bread of Life (John 6), where he said,



In rebuilt ruins of Capernaum synagogue. Jesus preached here.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). He was speaking about his Real Presence in the Eucharist. It is a powerful moment as we read this Gospel passage, at the site where Jesus said those words himself.

After Capernaum, we drive to **Bethsaida**, which was the childhood hometown of Peter, John and James. It is fascinating to see is that Jesus prophesized about the towns of Bethsaida, Chorazin and Capernaum, saying that stone upon stone won't be left there because the people of those towns didn't accept his message, and TODAY after two thousand years we can see those towns are still in ruins. You see

only stones left from those times. POWERFUL! I cannot describe it in words. The Gospel comes alive here on these roads and stones, seas and rivers. Again, the "fifth Gospel" — the Holy Land — speaks to us so clearly.

We stop at a restaurant for lunch and we have St. Peter's fish (tilapia), then we drive a short distance to **Tabgha**, the site of multiplication of the 5 loaves and 2 fish, the place by the sea. In the church, we read the Gospel account where Jesus fed 5,000 people. The locations of these sites are believed to be pretty accurate, thanks to archaeological excavations that have been done, and thanks to the Franciscans of the Holy Land. The Franciscans have been here for 800 years guarding these holy places in times of peace,

war and conflicts. It is a discovery for me as well, how much my Franciscan brothers from every continent do in this very special Land. They are the guardians of the "fifth Gospel," which was entrusted to their care by the Church soon after St. Francis walked this land. Our final stop on this most beautiful day is the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. What a special place. The peace that is felt here truly is a peace that surpasses understanding. Where Jesus dwells, peace is ever present. And so we feel that here. The Sermon on the Mount is found in Matthew, chapter 5-7. The Sermon began with the 8 Beatitudes, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,*" and so on. Scientists recently discovered why Jesus gave his famous sermon on this mountain even though there were many other hills and mountains in the area. It seems that this hill is one of the most acoustic hills in this region. Fascinating. Again, we see how intentional Jesus was in his choice of where he said what.

*(to be continued)*

**Father Joe**  
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**Fr. Joseph  
Abramovic, OFM  
(1935-2012)**



On Sunday, Jan. 22, our Franciscan brother, Father Joe Abramovic passed away at Mercy Hospital, in Chicago.

He was a member of the Croatian Franciscan Custody, of the U.S. & Canada. Fr. Joe was 76 years old and was a priest for more than 51 years.

He was born in the Lika region of Croatia in 1935, and he left his Croatia as a 9-year-old child, spending the next five years in different Austrian refugee camps. In 1947, the Croatian Franciscans took him under their wing in Italy, where he completed his high school years. He came to the U.S. on Sept. 24, 1951 and then studied at St. Joseph Seminary in Westmont, IL. In 1953 he received the Franciscan habit in Paterson, N.J. He continued his studies in Rye Beach, New Hampshire, in N.Y. at St. Bonaventure University, in Butler, N.J., and finally at Holy Name College in Washington, D.C. He was ordained a priest in Washington, D.C. on March 12, 1960.

His pastoral life was under way. Fr. Joe worked at the following parishes: St. Joseph in Bethlehem, Pa., as assistant pastor (1961-1971), and then as pastor of the same parish from 1971-1979. He was pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Milwaukee (1979-1982), of St. Mary's in Steelton, Pa. (1985-1988), and of St. Joseph's in St. Louis (1990-2010), until his retirement to our Monastery in Chicago.

Fr. Joe held very important roles in our Franciscan Custody. He was Custos from 1982-1985; a member of the Custodial Board (1973-1976 and 1997-2000); and the editor-in-chief of the newspaper *Danica* from 1988 to 1990.

After a wake Wednesday evening in our church, Fr. Joe was buried from St. Jerome's on Thursday to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where 43 of his Croatian Franciscan brothers are buried. *May he rest in peace!*

## Our 100th anniversary yearbook

The February 1 deadline for giving us your form and materials for our centennial yearbook is approaching. 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. *If you have no one to do this for you and need help, please let us know at the Rectory (312-842-1871).* And finally, on the back of the Centennial Yearbook form, simply draw how you want your page to look, where you want the pictures to be, write the text where you want it, and we will make it look nice.

**Financial Information for Your Taxes:** Over the past few days we mailed information about donations to the parish to all parishioners at their individual home addresses. Please let us know if there are any errors.

**St. Jerome Book Club this Wednesday:** We are reading "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard for our meeting Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.

**Thank you for Help for Moms & Babies:** This fall and winter we again collected spare change in baby bottles to help expectant mothers in crisis. The Women's Center of Chicagoland has informed us that we collected **\$3,453.37!** Thank you to all for your generous hearts.

**Our annual "Cardinal Stepinac Days" are coming Feb. 11-12:** That weekend we will have a grand concert Saturday evening, with much additional entertainment. On Sunday, there will Solemn Mass and a banquet. Our guests include 2 groups from Canada and 2 from Chicago. Plan on joining us these days!

## St. Jerome School Open House this Sunday

between 10:30 a.m. and noon. It's a good time for families to check out the great educational opportunity here.

## 2012 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

*"Be Imitators of Christ!"*

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal. *Please respond generously.*

The Appeal supports both parish and Archdiocesan ministries. Among these

are ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults. It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial support for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. The Appeal also funds services that are of great help to other ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: *"Be Imitators of Christ!"* We are all challenged to try to live our lives using the life of Christ as an example. Christ gave us

the path to eternal life. His love for each of us cannot be taken lightly.

As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude.

Please prayerfully consider making a significant pledge to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.