

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 12, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
 Lauretta Kennedy Murphy Julianna Babich
 Phil Rizza Catherine LoCoco
 Anna Krijan Debbie
 Rose Krispo Debbie

Tuesday – Utorak, March 13, 2012

7:30 a.m. Mark Bozich Geri & Mike
 Paul Krstulovich Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Zivalich
 Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce

Wednesday – Srijeda, March 14, 2012

7:30 a.m. Andrija Ezgeta ob. Hostička
 Corrado Sarro Patricia & Andy Sperando
 Duše u čistilištu u najvećoj potrebi Luca Grgić

Thursday – Četvrtak, March 15, 2012

7:30 a.m. Rozalija Galić Anka Hećimović
 Mary Jane Caserio Marian Segvich
 Fr. Marko Kozina Frano & Carol Marasovich

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

Friday – Petak, March 16, 2012

7:30 a.m. Kendall McDonald Wilkie family
 Mary Boban Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Rose Cordovano Mary Fratto

Saturday – Subota, March 17, 2012

St. Patrick, bishop – sv. Patrik

7:30 a.m. Rozalija Galić Pero Galić i ob.
 Dec. of O'Connor and Lynch families
 O'Connor and Robin fam.

5:30 p.m. Luce Badrov Nevenka Badrov i ob.
 Fr. Ante Grbes & Ana Vidovic Mary Fratto
 Fr. Mark Kozina Mary Fratto
 Dominick Bruno Louis & Mary Scalise
 Nancy Babich Terri & Sam Babich
 Joe Bozich wife & family
 Phil Rizza Rizza Cadillac workers

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 18, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Lasker Catherine LoCoco
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
 Jerry Deroba Ann Contino
 Nancy Babich Matt & Anna Babich

9:30 a.m. Ann Kotarac Silvio & Elaine Martincic
 Dominick Bruno Rose Marie Sestito
 Paul Krstulovich Jadi Juric & sons
 Joe Zekich Ken, Jan & John
 Leo Cosentino family
 Diann Martin Jan & Rich Ferro
 Dec. Bozich and Grzetich fam. Stretch & El

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Biserka Marušić	Tomica i djeca
Zvonimir Gović	Tomislav i Marija Erkapić
Matilda Misetic	Maria Sipich
Josipa Lovrinović	brat Jozo Marković i ob.
Sofija Petrina	Anica Otojić
Josip i Ana Bajzec	Josip i Kata Bajzec
Frano Penavić	ob. Ivica Penavić
Branko Jurković	Nevenka i ob.
Anđela Kadić	ob. Penavić
Ante Rodić	ob. Stipe Tokić
Jela Rogić	Ruža Galić i ob.
Marko, Ana i Josip Barač	Ružica Golub i ob.
Pok. ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. ob. Čačić	ob. Jadre Rogić
Pok. ob. Maroš i Tokić	ob. Ivan Maroš
Pok. ob. Zelić	ob. Ilija Zelić
Pok. ob. Šumera	ob. Jerko Šumera

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Mar. 17, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto / Jan Ferro
Sun., Mar. 18, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce / Matt Pesce
Sun., Mar. 18, 9:30 a.m. Jan Zekich / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Mar. 18, 11:00 a.m. Anđela Bajić, Anela Kosić,
 Marko Mamić

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Mar. 17, 5:30 p.m. Babich, Bova, Passarelli
Sun., Mar. 18, 7:30 a.m. Insalaco, Ruich
Sun., Mar. 18, 9:30 a.m. Lucente, Olson, Zekich
Sun., Mar. 18, 11:00 a.m. M. Brajković, L.
 Draženović, L. Kosić, I. Paraga, M. Kosić, A. Ledić

Seeking to Rent

► **Parishioner, 60, male**, is looking for a room to rent (pet allergies). Call 773-738-0588

For Rent

► **Apt. 26th Princeton, 1st floor**, 3 bdrms, newly remodel., 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

► **Apt. 29th Shields**, 5 rms, 2 bdrm, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. 312-593-2864.

► **Apt. 33rd Lowe**, 5-Rm, 3 Bdrm., h/w flrs, Appliances, \$975 plus utilities & sec. 773-852-4244

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Third Sunday of Lent

Once there was a very sincere man who wished to live a holy life, so he went to a holy man to seek his advice. The holy man congratulated him on his ambition then asked, "How have you been faring so far?"

"I haven't broken any of the commandments," the man replied. "I haven't taken the Lord's name in vain, nor profaned the Sabbath day. I haven't dishonored my father or mother. I have not killed anyone. I

haven't been unfaithful to my wife. I haven't stolen. I haven't borne false witness against anyone, and I haven't coveted my neighbor's wife or goods."

The holy man replied, "I see, so you haven't broken any of the commandments. But have you kept the commandments?"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean have you *honored* God's holy name? Have you kept holy the

Sabbath day? Have you loved and honored your parents? Have you sought to preserve and defend life? When last did you tell your wife that you love her? Have you shared your goods with the poor? Have you defended the good name of anyone? When last did you put yourself out for a neighbor?"

The man was taken aback, but to his credit he went away and reflected on what the holy man had said.

Our Parish History

The year was 1912—a century ago. Chicago's Archbishop James Quigley saw he needed a priest to help in ministering to the poor Croatian immigrants in the Bridgeport area.

In reply to a request from Archbishop Quigley, the Franciscans sent a 38-year-old Franciscan priest, Father Leon Medic, born in Kastel Novi, in Croatia's Dalmatian region. Fr. Leon was a member of the Franciscan Province of St. Jerome, which is headquartered in Zadar, in Croatia's Dalmatian region.

Fr. Leon arrived in Chicago on April 26, 1912 to establish a new parish for the Bridgeport area Croatians, who also mostly came from the Dalmatian region.

Fr. Leon set about serving the Croatian immigrants,

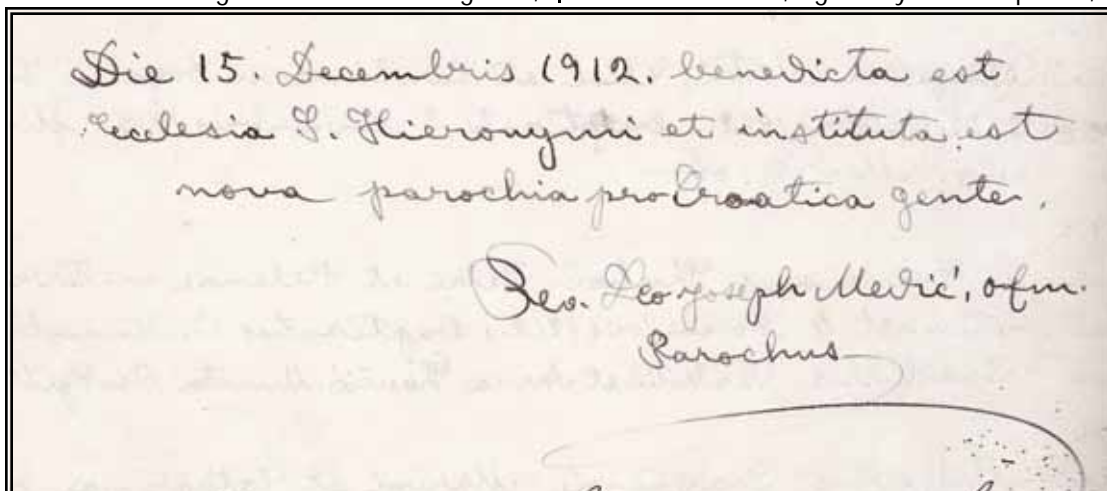


celebrating weekly Mass for them in St. John Nepomucene Bohemian Roman Catholic Church at Princeton & 25th Street, and baptizing, marrying and burying his people.

He also raised funds to make a down payment on an available German Evangelical Lutheran church, St. Stephen's, on the northwest corner of Wentworth & 25th Street, which was purchased, along with a rectory, on Nov. 26, 1912 for \$15,000.

Nineteen days later, Sunday, Dec. 15, the church had been renovated into a Catholic worship space, and High Solemn Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Quigley, who dedicated the church and formally founded the parish.

The following entry in our sacramental books records this event in Latin, signed by the new pastor, Fr. Leon.



On the 15th day of December 1912, the Church of St. Jerome was blessed [in other words, "dedicated"] and the new parish for the people of Croatia was instituted [in other words, "founded"].

Rev. Leo Joseph Medić, ofm [Order of Friars Minor], Pastor

For spiritual renewal for men, come to workshop this Wednesday, March 14

Spiritual fatherhood and brotherhood are themes to be explored at a workshop for men to be led by Fr. Joe on Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in the School Hall.

This workshop (in English) will be a time of learning, prayer, fellowship. Let's discuss interesting topics that penetrate our lives — faith, family, children, education, parish community, society, media, values, and more.

Invitations to

100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Your invitation to the Centennial Celebration of St. Jerome's on Sunday, April 29 should have arrived by now.

Please contact the parish office (312-842-1871) if you did not receive the invitation or if you wish to have invitations sent to someone who is not on our mailing list.

Spiritual retreat for the whole Parish and for friends of St. Jerome's — focused on Holy Land experience

On Sunday, March 25, the whole afternoon starting at 3 p.m., we will hold a spiritual retreat for our whole parish and interested friends of the parish.

Using pictures, video and experiences from our November pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we all will enter into a Walk in the Holy Land. It should be very interesting — don't miss it!

The retreat is being sponsored by our parish's Marian Society. Please see insert in today's bulletin and let us know how many people are coming. Thank you.

OUR TRADITIONAL PALACINKA BREAKFAST ON PALM SUNDAY WILL BE APRIL 1

Come to the School Hall of St. Jerome on Palm Sunday morning for a palacinka breakfast. Get your children's picture taken with the Easter Bunny. All proceeds from this event are to benefit our school. The Palacinka Breakfast Raffle is big: the Grand Prize is \$7,500. Raffle tickets, for \$50, are available in our rectory.

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 your non-perishable food to the church or rectory. Monetary gifts help too.

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.

St. Jerome Book Club meets this Wednesday, March 14: They are reading "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. All are welcome to join.

Fr. Paul Maslach's Golden Jubilee, 50 years of priesthood: Saturday, March 17, with Mass at 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Milwaukee 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).

FISH FRY IN LENT MARCH 23: Come at 5 p.m. to the Church Hall of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 653 W. 37th St. Tickets (available at door) for complete dinners are \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 12 & under.