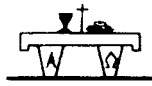


MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 19, 2012
St. Joseph – sv. Josip

7:30 a.m. Joe Bozich the Perisins
 Joseph Amato wife Cathy
 Maria Bon Valeria Babić
 Joe Cubic Ann, Catherine, Debbie
 Na nakanu Josip i Iva Prša

Tuesday – Utorak, March 20, 2012

7:30 a.m. Rozalija Galić Rich & Jan Ferro
 Anthony Rodich Agnes Rodich & family
 Fr. Josip Abramovic Mary Fratto
 Ivan Babić Valeria Babić

Wednesday – Srijeda, March 21, 2012

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Romano Romano family
 Corrado Sarro S.J. Parish Council
 Betty Quinslik Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Lucille Arado Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday – Četvrtak, March 22, 2012

7:30 a.m. Zvonimir Gović N.N.
 Na nakanu Ivanka Šušnjara

Friday – Petak, March 23, 2012

7:30 a.m. Josephine & Paul Cabo Gen & family
 William Gusich Pavletic family
 Phil Rizza Catherine & Nick Perisin

Saturday – Subota, March 24, 2012

7:30 a.m. Rozalija Galić Debbie Kodzoman
 Marilyn Webb Shields family
 5:30 p.m. Alice "Lulu" Mangan Perseghin family
 Paul Krstulovich Emily Dengler
 Dominick Bruno Jan & Rich Ferro
 Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Chris, Lisa
 Marion Catezone Geri & Mike Alebich
 Robert Paradiso Jan & Rich Ferro
 Linda Reed Gazzini family
 Rose Sledge Jan
 Salvatore "Jocko" Nisivaco son Alex

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 25, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dorothy June Lasker Bob & Nancy Link
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
 John Catezone Catherine & Nick perisin
 Patricia Shimkus Ann Contino
 Phil Rizza Bob & Nancy Link
 Mark Prokop Debbie
 Charles P Marino Catherine & Nick Perisin

9:30 a.m. Ann Kotarac Matry & Debbie Miloslavich
 Paul Krstulovich Pete & Sandy Schurla
 John Catezone Rose Marie Senese
 Corrado Sarro Rich & Jan Ferro
 Peter "Bush" Caruso Ross Valenti
 Diann Martin Jan & Rich Ferro
 Dec. Bozich and Grzetich fam. Stretch & El

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Martin Žigniћ supruга Kata i ob.
 Ivan Žužić supruга Anna
 Zvonimir Gović Mr. & Mrs. Petar Varvodić
 Rozalija Galić Rita Kent
 August i Marija Mišetić Ante Sipich
 Josip Ostojić Anica Ostojić
 Manda Bajić Ana Bajić
 Ankica i Viktor Bubljić ob. Hostička
 Stipe Pervan (11. godišnjica) ob. Ljuba Pervan
 Slavko Kadić ob. Penavić
 Andrija i Luca Lišnić sin Tomislav i ob.
 Robert Jurlina ob. Jurlina
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. ob. Savković ob. Jadre Rogić
 Pok. ob. Pervan ob. Ljuba Pervan
 Pok. ob. Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Mar. 24, 5:30 p.m. Robert Cannatello Jr. /
 Jan Ferro
 Sun., Mar. 25, 7:30 a.m. Emmett Turney / Matt
 Pesce
 Sun., Mar. 25, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / MaryBeth
 Insalaco
 Sun., Mar. 25, 11:00 a.m. Ozana Paraga, Mario
 Ivančić, Damjan Karlović

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Mar. 24, 5:30 p.m. Ciabrone, Mangan, Mossman
 Sun., Mar. 25, 7:30 a.m. Nowacki, Yarus
 Sun., Mar. 25, 9:30 a.m. Ruich, Isbella W., Olivia W.
 Sun., Mar. 25, 11:00 a.m. Deni Grgić, M. Golub, K.
 Šego, Dominik Grgić, L. Draženović, Darko Grgić

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

March 11	Envelopes	\$ 4,814.00
	<u>Loose Donations</u>	<u>\$ 461.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,275.00

285 envelopes used – average gift: \$18.50
 Cath. Church in Eastern Europe \$ 1,093.00

Seeking to Rent

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

For Rent

► **Apt. 2 bdrm.**, new, wall to wall carpeting, refinished bathroom, large kitchen. NO PATS. Call 773 254 2836

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”

We hear these marvelous words in today’s Gospel. They are a good summary of the Gospel, the Good News. It was God who took the first step.

God chose the approach of love, not of domination. God acts

not for his own sake but for our sake. God is not like an absolute monarch who is not happy until he has reduced his subjects to abject obedience. Rather, God is the Father who is not happy until all his wandering children come home. He desires unforced love.

This passage also shows how all-inclusive is God’s love. His



love is not directed at one nation only, nor is it only for the good. It is directed at all nations, to the children of the light and to children still in the darkness.

It is terrible to reject God’s offer of love, but how sweet it is to walk in the light of his love!

Our Parish History Through Our Stories

A PARADE IN THE 1920s IN THE EYES OF A LITTLE BOY

In 1921, I was born in the house that I am still living in; that is 90 years ago, a half block north of St. Jerome on South Princeton.

As a little boy, I loved to watch parades. Being only about 6 or 7 years of age, I saw that this parade was in progress, passing right in front of my house. So I decided to follow it. The parade went as far as 33rd & Princeton. Well, I was lost. Now, with the help of the good Lord, and angels, I found my way back, by seeing St. Jerome’s steeple. —Frank Maione



Do you remember this building?

Let us know if you do! When this picture was taken in the early 1930s, it was our parish hall, on 25th St. near Wentworth. But 10 years earlier it was our original church (before we moved to the present location in 1922). Possibly its steeple was removed when it was converted from church to parish hall. *Do you have a better picture of this?*

Please share your stories with us!

FIVE GRUICA WOMEN WHO CAME A CENTURY AGO LEFT THEIR MARK

In reflecting on these 100 years of St. Jerome’s, I recall the 5 Gruica women who came to America, one after another — “Teta’s” we called them. Matija arrived in 1906, Marica in 1912, Jakica in 1912, Andrica in 1918 and Pavica in 1921. They all settled in Bridgeport and made St. Jerome their second home. Weddings, communions, baptisms and funerals were all at St. Jerome. From these 5 pioneer women came 162 descendents. Many of them still consider St. Jerome their home away from home.

—Louis Scalise

FORTY YEARS AGO — 1972

The first time I was in St. Jerome Church will always stand out in my memory. It was 1972. St. Jerome was right around the corner from where my student husband, our little children and I were living. As I opened the door to the 11:30 Mass one Sunday, I heard beautiful music – full and strong with voices. Everyone was dressed up. The women wore high heels and stockings. There were men there too – dressed in suits and shiny shoes. Every seat was taken. For the few minutes I stayed there, I couldn’t see the altar – everyone was so tall, but I said to myself, “These people really have FAITH!” And I wanted to be a part of it.

—Ellen O’Donnell

Two important upcoming events

- ◆ **Spiritual retreat for parishioners and 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 entire 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 let us know if you are coming. Free.
- ◆ **Musical concert featuring J.S. Bach.** On Wednesday evening, March 28, the Chicago Bach Ensemble will perform in St. Jerome Church four Cantatas by Johann Sebastian Bach: English translations of the titles are: “I have enough,” “Lord, I am crying to you out of the depths,” “Blessed is the human being,” and “God’s time is the best time.” Good will donations appreciated. Especially during Lent, the beauty of good music can elevate our souls toward God.



LENTEN CONFESSIONS: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from several priests on Palm Sunday, April 1, starting at 6 p.m.

100th Anniversary Celebration Invites

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.

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.

- 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.

HUNGER



Bible Study—new phase. Our first Bible study group using the “8-Week Journey Through the Bible program” have completed their voyage. This coming Monday at 7 p.m. we begin a new phase, where **new comers are invited to join us**. We are reading this week St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, and we will discuss it Monday, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Croatian Woman/ Hrvatska žena has their annual Palm Sunday luncheon, on April 1, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Croatian Cultural Center

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.

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.