

# Parish Bulletin

## Župni Vjesnik

July 21, 2013 - 21. srpnja 2013.



St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish  
Hrvatska katolička župa sv. Jeronima

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YEAR OF FAITH<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>



GODINA VJERE<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>

### Mass schedule • Raspored misa

Saturday • Subota

5:30 p.m. English

Sunday • Nedjelja

7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. English

11 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan

7:30 a.m. English

**Posjeta bolesnicima** – uvijek

**Sick calls** – at any time

**Krštenja** – po dogovoru

**Baptisms** – by appointment

**Ispovijedi** – pola sata prije mise

**Confessions** – before Masses

**Vjenčanja** – najaviti 6 mjeseci ranije

**Weddings** – arrange 6 months in advance

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### Hrvatski Katolički Radio

Glas župe sv. Jeronima

Subotom od 10 do 11 sati (750 AM)

### Croatian Catholic Radio

Voice of St. Jerome's

Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m. on 750 AM



Monday, July 22 - *Ponedjeljak, 22. srpnja*  
St. Mary Magdalene / *sv. Marija Magdalena*

7:30 a.m.

† Fr. Anselm Murn, ofm ..... *George Rozman*  
Na čast sv. Obitelji ..... *N.N.*

Tuesday, July 23 - *Utorak, 23. srpnja*  
St. Bridget – *sv. Brigita*

7:30 a.m.

† Marija Grašić ..... *brat Tomo Mulc i obitelj*  
Na čast srcu Isusovu ..... *Luca Zeba*

Wednesday, July 24 - *Srijeda, 24. srpnja*

7:30 a.m.

† JoAnn Passarelli ..... *Rich and Jan Ferro*  
† Ilija Pavljašević ..... *Jure Krpan i obitelj*

Thursday, July 25 - *Četvrtak, 25. srpnja*  
St. James-apostle – *sv. Jakov apostol*

7:30 a.m.

† Josip Armić ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
† Marty Kraslen ..... *Marion Roti*  
7 – 9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

Friday, July 26 - *Petak, 26. srpnja*  
Saints Joachim and Anna / *sv. Joakim i Ana*

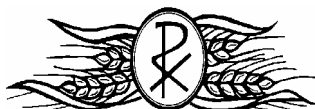
7:30 a.m.

† Jane Haptas ..... *Gwen Walters*  
† Tonči Baletić ..... *Josip i Iva Prša*

Saturday, July 27 - *Subota, 27. srpnja*

7:30 a.m.

Margaret Marcello ..... *Pace family*  
Ana Grcevic ..... *Cathy and Andrew*  
5:30 p.m.  
† JoAnn Passarelli ..... *Giggie*  
† Jane Haptas ..... *Louis and Mary Scalise*  
† Vince Caringella ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
† Roža Alfirević ..... *Marija Mišerda*  
Na nakanu ..... *Olga Puljić*



Sunday, July 28 - *Nedjelja, 28. srpnja*  
17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
17. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

7:30 a.m.

† Clyde Morrison ..... *wife Dee Dee*  
† Marty Kraslen ..... *Ann Contino*  
†† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

† JoAnn Passarelli ..... *Frances Sabia*  
† Christ Balich ..... *Carol and Frano Marasovich*  
† Louis Zaninovich ..... *Rose Marie Sestito*  
† Pavo Jurčić ..... *Nikola Planinić*

11 a.m.

† Josip Armić ..... *Ivo i Brigita Perić*  
† Ivan Matijević ..... *Luca Zeba i obitelj*  
† Ivan Babić ..... *Valeria Babić*  
† Danica Špehar ..... *Janko Špehar i obitelj*  
† Ilija Pavljašević ..... *Giggie*  
† Robert Jurlina (11. godišnjica) ..... *obitelj Jurlina*  
† Marija Lisnich Stephens ..... *mama and family*  
† Josip Lisnich ..... *supruga Marija and family*  
† Ivan Lerotić ..... *Nediljko i Jelica Simunić*  
† Karmila Knezović ..... *Drago i Ankica Uremović*  
† Jure Dugandžić ..... *obitelj*  
† Žarko Matulić ..... *Ana i Mate Babić i obitelj*  
† Martin Bajić ..... *sestra Ana*  
† Josipa Lovrinović ..... *Ivo Lovrinović i obitelj*  
† Ivica Vaniš ..... *obitelj Vaniš*  
†† Nick i Anica Špehar ..... *Janko Špehar i obitelj*  
†† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
†† iz obitelji Zeba ..... *Luca Zeba i obitelj*

#### LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Vincent Kenny  
7:30 a.m. – Emmett Turney  
9:30 a.m. – Kica DiVito  
11 a.m. – Darko Grgić, Ivana Kosir, Nikolina Mađer

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro  
7:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich  
9:30 a.m. – MaryBeth Insalaco  
11 a.m. – Ivanka Paraga

#### ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. Jasmine Esparza, Manuel Esparza, Ross Valenti  
7:30 a.m. – Michael Passarelli  
9:30 a.m. – Monica Matual, Olivia Wroblewski, Isabella Wroblewski  
11 a.m. – Josip Dugandžić, Marija Kraljević, Lorin Draženović, Nikola Brčić

## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 16. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

Jesus came to the house of Martha and Mary. Martha got completely carried away by the details of hospitality, but Mary sat at his feet and listened to him.

This sets the scene for Martha and Mary who welcome Jesus to their home. We see the contrast between Martha's activity and Mary's quiet devotion to the Lord. It is not what Martha does is unimportant. It is just that Mary has chosen something even more important. Her priority to listen to the word of Jesus.

Our daily lives are made up of a round of chores and duties which fall into two categories: the urgent and essential. Many of the things we do can be said to be urgent, but only a few are truly essential. We have to distinguish between the two. Like Martha, we tend to give priority to the urgent.

How we can tell what our priorities are? The best way to recognize our actual priorities is to reflect on our normal behavior. What we give most time to?

Many people would be able to identify more with Martha, busy about many things, yet constantly short of the time. We need to look beyond the daily chores and urgencies. We need to devote time to ourselves. Above all, we need time for reflection. If we could spend some quiet time with God our lives would be calmer, less driven by anxiety and worry, and deeper and richer. In fact, everything would benefit our spiritual life, our relationships, even our work. Action and contemplation are not meant to be contrasted. Both are necessary, and have to be integrated into life.



Za većinu domaćica koje se brinu za kućanstvo jako je važno da sve u kući dobro funkcionira, da je sve dobro organizirano, iako njihov trud i zalaganje često nisu ni zamijećeni ni dovoljno cijenjeni. Od njih se očekuje da je sve besprijekorno i pod nadzorom, osobito kada dolaze gosti. U današnjemu evanđeoskom odlomku slušamo kako Isus uživa u gostoprimstvu Marte i Marije, u njihovoj kući. No, na kraju odlomka, što djeluje zbunjujuće i pomalo nezahvalno, Isus spočitava Marti koja je bila silno zauzeta posluživanjem da sav njezin trud zapravo i nije bio potreban. »Marta, Marta! Brineš se i

uznemiruješ za mnogo, a jedno je potrebno.« Razumljivo je da bi bilo koje obiteljsko ili neko drugo slavlje bilo manjkavo kada bi svi domaćini bili poput Marije, kada među nama ne bi bilo i ljudi Martina kova. Sam Isus je dobro znao da nitko ne živi samo od riječi, koliko god one bile važne, i da se jelo samo od sebe neće pripremiti, ali ipak stavlja naglasak na nešto drugo, po njemu važnije. U evanđeljima je stalno riječ o tome kako Isus za stolom s domaćinom, njegovom obitelji, svojim učenicima i ostalim nazočnima razgovara, i to ne o banalnim stvarima, već uvijek koristi priliku da progovori o kraljevstvu Božjemu. Govori o životu koji Bog nudi svakome čovjeku. Očito da se takvo nešto događalo i u kući Marte i Marije. Moglo bi se reći da je Marta propustila jedinstvenu priliku jer nije imala uha i sluha za razgovor koji se vodio, već je sva bila zaokupljena posluživanjem. Lako bi se mogao steći dojam da se Marija htjela »izvući«, izmaknuti kućanskome poslu. Međutim, vjerojatnije je da je Marija u tome trenutku bila dirnuta, u svojoj nutрини dotaknuta Isusovim riječima i to joj je bilo važnije od svega na svijetu, pa i od solidarnosti s Martom u posluživanju. Marta je, u svojoj zauzetosti, toga dana propustila priliku da je Isusove riječi dotaknu i promijene, da uistinu shvati Isusa. A upravo bi to, kako Isus kaže, bilo najpotrebnije i najvažnije. Marija je u tome trenutku naučila i doživjela nešto što joj nitko neće moći oduzeti. (JK)



## THE VELIKA GOPSA FEAST APPROACHES

Our annual Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary is well known for over a century as Velika Gospa Croatian Fest, honoring Our Lady of Sinj.



Our Lady of Sinj (Croatian: Gospa sinjska) is the title given to the painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy in Sinj. Experts suppose that the painting was painted by an unknown Venetian artist in the 16th century. Mary is described as the queen of heaven and earth and set on the throne of "her goodness, love and charity". The Sinj sanctuary is famous all

around the world wherever there are Croats. Numerous pilgrims come to receive Gospa's mercy. The Bradarich brothers donated a painted copy of this icon and it still hangs in our sanctuary and is carried in our grand procession!

Last week we sent the mailing that includes the invitation with schedule and Parking plan.

There has been a great support by many individuals in organizing and making this Feast a great and an exemplary success. Fr. Stipe and I (Fr. Ivica) expect your support this year, as it is our first year in organizing this Feast. We are grateful for that.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church!

Novena Masses will start on August 6th every night at 7:00 p.m. and we will again have guest priests speaking for novena.

Raffle: Our mailing also includes two raffle tickets for our gigantic Velika Gospa raffle, with its \$20,000 grand prize, \$5,000 second prize and five more \$1,000 prizes. There are two "Early bird" prize drawings for \$1,000 that will take place on Sundays, August 4th and August 11th. The winning Early bird tickets will be put back into the barrel for the main August 15th drawing. Each ticket for this raffle is \$100. Please buy, or sell your tickets. If you are unable to do so, please drop them off at the Rectory. Also, if you need more tickets, they are available at the Rectory. Proceeds from this Feast greatly helps our Parish and our St. Jerome Catholic School. Thank you for your participation!

## 10TH VELIKA GOPSA

### GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET

On Sunday, August 18, we will have a Velika Gospa Golf Tournament for the 10th time. This event will be held at The Links at Carillon in Plain-field, IL. 18 holes shotgun style will be played. Dinner will be served with a special program. All are welcome. If you can not play, you can attend the banquet for the price of \$40.

The proceeds will go for a children in need. Would you participate or be a sponsor? For more informations call Miro Planinic at 773-983-9818.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CONTINUES

We continue with our regular eucharistic adoration on Thursdays, from 7 until 9 p.m. Join us at any moment and for as much time you are able to stay!

## ST. JEROME FILM "THEY NEVER WALKED ALONE" AT CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM

St. Jerome's Film "They Never Walked Alone" will be featured at the Chicago History Museum (1601 N. Clark Street) on Sunday August 4th at 1:30 pm, as part of their "Project Sundays" program. There will be refreshments and cookies.

## MAP "HYSTORIC CROATIAN LANDMARKS OF CHICAGOLAND"

In our office you can buy a new interesting product of Maria Dugandzic-Pasic—a map "Historic Croatian Landmarks of Chicagoland" showcasing 33 interesting sites like Mestrovic bowman and spearman... (\$10).

## ARCHDIOCESAN CAMPAIGN "TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS"

Cardinal Francis George started a 3 years capital campaign named "To Teach Who The Christ Is" has it's major goal to help Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese. Every parish, including us, will have to participate in this Campaign over the next 3 years. We believe that we will successfully participate as 60% of the goal of the Campaign in our parish will stay with us, and all that we collect over our goal will also stay with us.

## ROSARY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

All are welcome to join prayer group in praying rosary for the souls in Purgatory. This group comes together every Wednesday at 7 p.m. (in backyard of 2716 S. Princeton Ave.).

## JOIN WEIGHTWATCHERS AND ZUMBA

If you want to get in shape for summer than join Weightwatchers and Zumba. Weightwatchers come together on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Lower Small Hall.

Zumba Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays in School Hall at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

## WHEN IN CHURCH

Please respect this sacred place and others who are here to pray, by maintaining the silence.

Dress repectivly during these summer months.

Please silence or turn off your cellphone.

It is obviously ridiculous, zero culture, an act with no dignity and simply disrespectful to chew gum in church. Please, think about it and also share this nicely with others as well.

## SAVE THE DATE

- Wednesday, July 24: St. Jerome School Summer Information Night (6:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, August 6: Velika Gospa Novena starts - every evening at 7 p.m.

## USUSRET VELIKOJ GOSPI

Približava se još jedna proslava Marijina Uznesenja - Velike Gospe u našoj župi, koja više od stoljeća časti Mariju svečanom procesijom, svetom misom i proslavom na kojoj mnogi susretnu prijatelje koje ne vide tijekom godine. Naš je Hrvatski narod častio Mariju u svim dijelovima naše domovine, a ovdje u Chicagu na poseban način častimo kopiju slike Čudotvorne Gospe Sinjske, Majke od Milosti, koju su gotovo prije stotinu godina darovali braća Bradarich. Prošli tjedan poslali smo poštom pozivnicu za proslavu u kojoj ćete naći raspored događanja i upute o parkiranju.

**Računamo na vašu pomoć:** Tijekom godina ova župa je poznata po primjermom odazivu mnogih u pripremi i uspješnoj proslavi. Fra Stipe i ja (fra Ivica) očekujemo vašu podršku i ove godine, budući da je ovo prva naša godina u organiziranju ove veličanstvene proslave. Unaprijed vam srdačno zahvaljujemo na tome. Molimo vas upišite se na listu na dnu crkve.

Devetnica počinje 6. kolovoza sa sv. Misama u 7:00 navečer, koje će i ove godine predvoditi različiti gosti svećenici.

**Bogata lutrija:** U pošti ćete također naći i po dvije karte za našu bogatu lutriju čija je prva nagrada \$20,000!!! Druga nagrada je \$5,000, te još pet nagrada po \$1000. Bit će dva ranija izvlačenja po \$1000, koje ćemo izvlačiti u nedjelju 4. i 11. kolovoza. Ove "Early bird" karte bit će vraćene u bubanj za izvlačenje velike nagrade 15. kolovoza. Cijena karte je \$100. Molimo vas da kupite ili prodate ove karte. Ako niste u stanju da to učinite, vratite ih u naš župni ured. Dobitak od proslave Velike Gospe i ove lutrije uvelike pomaže našu župu i našu katoličku školu. Hvala na sudjelovanju

## 10. HRVATSKI DOBROTVORNI

### VELIKA GOSPA GOLFSKI TURNIR I BANKET

U nedjelju 18. kolovoza organizira se po deseti put Hrvatski dobrotvorni golfski turnir koji će se održati na The Links at Carillon u Plainfieldu, IL. Nakon igre imat ćemo svečenu večeru. Cijena za ovaj događaj jest \$150 u što je uključeno igranje golfa, otvoreni bar, svečana večera i druženje. Ako ne planirate igrati golf a želite nam se priključiti, možete nabaviti ulaznice (\$40) samo za večeru i druženje. Večera će početi u 6:30 sati navečer. Svi ste nam dobro došli! Sav prihod će ići za pomoć siromašnoj djeci u Hrvatskoj i BiH.

## PONAŠANJE U CRKVI

Crkva je sveto mjesto jer u njoj slavimo i susrećemo Boga. Stoga vas molimo da na to ovih ljetnih dana još više pripazite te da u crkvu dolazite primjereno obučeni, da ne žvačete žvakaće gume, stišate ili ugasite vaše mobitele, te da održavate primjereni tišinu, zbog svetosti samog mjesta i poštovanja prema onima koji žele u miru moliti. Hvala na razumijevanju.

**HODOČAŠĆE NA HOLY HILL** bit će u subotu 24. kolovoza. Sveta Misa je u 11 sati ujutro a Put križa i blagoslov je u 2:30 poslije podne. Prijavite se koji želite ići autobusom.

## PRIKAZIVANJE FILMA

"THEY NEVER WALKED ALONE" O POVIJESTI NAŠE ŽUPE U CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM  
Film Marije Dugandžić-Pašić o našoj župi "They never walked alone" bit će prikazan u nedjelju 4. kolovoza u Chicago History Museum 1601 N. Clark St. u 1:30 poslije podne. Ulaznice su \$10.

**NOVO!!! MAPA "Historic Croatian Landmarks of Chicagoland"** Marije Dugandžić-Pašić. Mapa prikazuje 33 najznačajnije povijesne hrvatske lokacije u Chicagu i okolici. Mapu možete nabaviti u župnom uredu.

## TREBAMO UČITELJE HRVATSKOG JEZIKA

Hrvatska škola traži nove učitelje i učiteljice hrvatskog jezika. Nastava hrvatskog jezika se održava subotom od 8:30 sati ujutro do 12:15 sati poslije podne. Javite se članovima odbora Hrvatske škole ili u župni ured.

**TRAŽI SE** — ženska osoba, koja bi pazila stariju gospođu sa stanom u Oak Brooku. Ukoliko je netko zainteresiran ili poznaje nekoga tko bi to želio raditi, molimo neka se javi Gail na slijedeći broj telefona 305-401-6119

## FOR RENT - IZNAJMLJUJE SE

► Apt. 34th & Emerald, 4 rooms, 1st floor, front. Modern, clean, convenient for seniors. Call Lynn 773 254 2836

## DAROVI ZA HRVATSKI KATOLIČKI RADIO

Josip i Anđa Novak: \$50  
Obitelj Mijo i Zdenka Barun: \$100  
Hvala na potpori i slušanju!

## ► 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT WANTED!

None smoking married couple. No pets. Prefer updated with hardwood floors, central heat + air, laundry etc. Call 312-949-9629.

► Apt. 29<sup>th</sup> & Shields, 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. Call 312-593-2864.

## The Story of St. Philomena

On May 25, 1802, excavators in the ancient Catacomb of St. Priscilla in Rome came upon a well-preserved shelf tomb sealed with terra-cotta slabs in the manner usually reserved for nobility or great martyrs. The tomb was marked with three tiles, inscribed with the following confusing words: LUMENA / PAXTE / CUMFI. However, if one places the first tile last and separates the words properly, the very intelligible sentence emerges: *Pax tecum, Filumena*, which is "Peace be with you, Philomena." Also inscribed on the tiles were symbols: a lily, arrows, an anchor and a lance, which would appear to indicate virginity and martyrdom. Inside the coffin there were discovered the remains of a girl of about twelve or thirteen years of age, along with a vial or ampulla of her dried blood.

Transferred to the Treasury of the Rare Collection of Christian Antiquity in the Vatican, the remains were soon forgotten by the public, especially since no record existed of a virgin martyr named Philomena. But in 1805, a Neapolitan priest, Don Francesco di Lucia, traveling to Rome with his newly appointed bishop, requested and, after a brief delay, received the relics of this martyr "Philomena" to enshrine in his village church at Mugnano del Cardinale.

Immediately upon the official donation of St. Philomena's sacred remains, signal favors began to be granted through her intercession and unusual events to occur. The favors, graces and even miracles started to increase, even before her enshrinement at Mugnano, and they steadily grew in number thereafter—such that this virgin martyr soon earned the title, "Philomena, Powerful with God." In 1837, only 35 years after her exhumation, Pope Gregory XVI elevated this "Wonder-Worker of the Nineteenth Century" to sainthood. In an act unprecedented in the history of Catholicism, she became the *only* person recognized by the Church as a Saint solely on the basis of her powerful intercession, since nothing historical was known of her except her name and the evidence of her martyrdom.

St. Philomena has been successfully invoked by her supplicants in every sort of need, such that she has become another patron of "hopeless" and "impossible" cases, like St. Jude or St. Rita, but she is known to be especially powerful in cases involving conversion of sinners, return to the Sacraments, expectant mothers, destitute mothers, problems with children, unhappiness in the home, sterility, priests and their work, help for the sick, the missions, real

estate, money problems, food for the poor and mental illness. But truly, as her devotees have discovered, no case, of whatever matter, is too trivial or too unimportant to concern her.

Among her most devoted clients was St. John Vianney (the Curé of Ars), whose childlike devotion to this virgin Saint played an intimate part in his daily life. Other Saints who were always devoted to her, prayed to her and sang her praises were St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Peter Chanel, St. Anthony Mary Claret, St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, St. Euphrasia Pelletier, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. John Nepomucene Neumann, Blessed Anna Maria Taigi and Ven. Pauline Jaricot.

A number of Popes have also shown remarkable devotion to St. Philomena as well: **Pope Leo XII** (1823-1829) expressed the greatest admiration for this unknown child-saint and gladly gave his permission for the erection of altars and churches in her honor. **Pope Gregory XVI** (1831-1846), who authorized her public veneration, showed his esteem and devotion to the Saint by giving her the title of "Patroness of the Living Rosary." A Mass and proper Office in her honor were approved by him in 1834 or 1835. This is an extraordinary privilege granted to comparatively few Saints. **Pope Pius IX** (1846-1878) proclaimed her "Patroness of the Children of Mary." **Pope Leo XIII** (1878-1903) made two pilgrimages to her shrine before his election to the papacy. After he had become the Vicar of Christ, he gave a valuable cross to the sanctuary. He approved the Confraternity of St. Philomena and later raised it to an Archconfraternity (which is still headquartered at her shrine at 83027 MUGNANO DEL CARDINALE (Avellino), Italy). **Pope St. Pius X** (1903-1914) spoke warmly of her and manifested his devotion to her in various ways. Costly gifts were given by him to her shrine.

Truly, St. Philomena is a powerful intercessor—seemingly held quietly in reserve by Our Divine Lord during these many centuries—for especially strong help in our times, when so much confusion and absence of faith are manifest. Her principal feast day is August 11. *St. Philomena, powerful with God, pray for us!*



## Sv. Filomena

Filomena je grčka princeza iz Nikomedije. Njeni roditelji, koji su članovi grčke kraljevske kuće, dugo vremena nisu mogli imati djecu. Molili su se poganskim bogovima, da dobiju dijete. Kraljevski liječnik Publije poručio im je, da se mole kršćanskom Bogu i da će im se tako ispuniti želja. Tako se i dogodilo, te su prešli na kršćanstvo. Uskoro im se rodila djevojčica, koju su nazvali Filomena. Odgojili su je u kršćanskom duhu. Kada je imala 13 godina, rimski car Dioklecijan pozvao je njene roditelje u Rim, jer je želio pripojiti Rimskom imperiju njihov poljs. Dioklecijan se zaljubio u Filomenu, zbog njene tjelesne ljepote i lijepog ponašanja i želio je oženiti je, nudeći njenim roditeljima veliko bogatstvo i slobodu njihove države, ako pristanu. Pristali su, ali Filomena je odbila, jer se prije toga zavjetovala na djevičanstvo Isusu Kristu. Usprkos učestalim nagovaranjima, Filomena nije promijenila mišljenje, poslana je u tamnicu, gdje je čekala pogubljenje. Nakon više od mjesec dana u tamnici, pokušali su je pogubiti, ali im je tek nakon nekoliko pokušaja to i uspjelo, jer su se događala čuda, koja su sprečavala njeno pogubljenje. Don Francesco de Lucia, obrazovani i pobožni svećenik, želio je za kapelu u svom rodnom mjestu relikvije nekog sveca. U srpnju 1805., spontano je između mnogih relikvija, izabrao relikvije sv. Filomene. Prije prijenosa relikvija, dao je izraditi u Napulju, voštanu figuru sv. Filomene. Gospođa, koja je izradila figuru, ozdravila je od teške

bolesti i svjedočila o čudesnom mirisu, koji je ispunio njenu kuću pri susretu s relikvijama. Don Francesco, želio je skromni prijenos, no bilo je drugačije, narod je u velikom broju sudjelovao u svečanoj procesiji. Relikvije su unijete u crkvu Majke Milosti u Mugnanu del Cardinale kod Napulja, 10. kolovoza 1805. Slijedećega dana, slavila se svečana sveta Misa. Istoga dana, ozdravio je bolesnik, koji se obratio sv. Filomeni.

Narod je počeo štovati Filomenu i moliti je za zagovor. Blažena Pauline Jaricot, mlada Francuskinja tvrdila je, da je ozdravila od bolesti srca, zbog Filomene. Sv. Ivan Maria Vianney, francuski svećenik, mnoga ozdravljenja, pripisao je Filomeni. Otac Damien, koji je brinuo o gubavcima, posvetio je kapelicu Filomeni, nakon više ozdravljenja. Franjevac, sluga Božji, Andrés García Acosta iz Čilea, jako je štovao Filomenu, posvetio joj je oltar, te je po njoj nazvana i ulica uz svetište. Bilo je još mnogo čuda, vezanih uz Filomenu pa je papa Grgur XVI. dozvolio, da se Filomena slavi kao svetica i ustanovio je blagdan 9. rujna. Iako od 1961., sv. Filomena više nije u liturgijskom kalendaru svetaca, zbog reorganizacije liturgije, ali i dalje se smatra sveticom.

U Dalmaciji, postoji više bratovština svete Filomene. U Molvama, u crkvi Uznesenja Blažene Djevice Marije na nebo, nalazi se jedini kip sv. Filomene u Hrvatskoj.

Zaštitnica je djece, posebno djevojčica, mladih, dojenčadi, djevice, ljudi u bespomoćnim situacijama, mladih bračnih parova i studenata.