

VELIKA GOSPA NEWSLETTER

WELCOME!!!

We sincerely welcome all of you who join us this Velika Gospa; those who return year after year, who take time off of work to attend our grand, solemn procession and Mass as well as those who are here for the first time!

We especially welcome Most Rev. Alberto Rojas, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago; Rev. Edvard Punda, our main celebrant who comes to us from Split, Croatia; Rev. Jerko Valković from Krk, Croatia; Fr. Joe Grbeš, Custos of Croatian Franciscans; & Jelena Grčić Polić, Consul General of the Republic of Croatia.

DOBRO DOŠLI!!!

Dobro došli svi! Dobro došli vi koji ste nazočni svake godine, kako bi sudjelovali u našoj svečanoj procesiji i svetoj Misi, kao i vi koji ste s nama po prvi puta.

Izražavamo srdačnu dobrodošlicu čikaskom pomoćnom biskupu Albertu Rojas-u; našem don Edi Pundi, koji nam dolazi iz Splita i koji predvodi današnje misno slavlje; don Jerku Valkoviću s Krka; fra Jozi Grbešu, kustosu hrvatskih franjevaca; te Jeleni Grčić Polić, generalnoj konzulici Republike Hrvatske.

GRAND MARSHALL BRAĆA IVAN I KARLO KARAČIĆ



Ivan Karačić je rođen 20. travnja 1933. u Jarama kod Širokog brijega. Vjenčao se sa suprugom Ivom rođ. Primorac 1957. godine. u Ljutom Dolcu.

Karlo Karačić je rođen 18. veljače 1939. u Jarama. Godine 1960. pobjegao je iz komunizma u Italiju (Trst). U Trstu je proveo godinu dana, te 1961. godine stigao u SAD (Cleveland). Tu je proveo malo manje od godinu dana do proljeća 1962. godine, kada se doselio u Chicago. Ovdje je upoznao Dragicu Čuvalo koja je došla u SAD u siječnju 1965. godine. Karlo i Dragica su se vjenčali u crkvi Sv. Jeronima 1966. godine.

Ivan i Iva sa svojih dvoje male djece (Karmilom i Karlom) uspjeli su izbjeći iz komunizma u Njemačku (Stuttgart) 1965. godine. Nakon provedene tri godine u Njemačkoj, stigli su u Chicago 1968. godine. Odmah su postali članovi župe Sv. Jeronima. Karmila se nakon završenog fakulteta udala u crkvi Sv. Jeronima za Živka Knezovića s kojim je imala dvoje djece: Tinu i Adrianu. Obje djevojčice su krštene u Sv. Jeronima, a Tina je vjenčana za Ivana Jurkovića u istoj crkvi. Karlo je nakon završenog pravnog fakulteta oženio Terezu Lišnić također u crkvi Sv. Jeronima. Njihovo dvoje

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NADOLAZEĆI DOGAĐAJI

- ♦ **Piknik Hrvatske škole 17. kolovoza**
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- ♦ **Hodočašće Holy Hill 24. kolovoza**
- ♦ **Klapa Pasika 6. rujna**
- ♦ **Klub Poljica Misa 8. rujna - Dubrovački Biskup Mate Uzinić**
- ♦ **Misa obljetnice brakova - 22. rujna**
- ♦ **Godišnji ručak Marijinog društva 29. rujna**
- ♦ **100. obljetnica: Župa Srca Isusova 13. listopada**
- ♦ **Modna Revija Hrvatska žena 20. listopada**
- ♦ **100. obljetnica Sv. Ćiril i Metod New York - 27. listopada**
- ♦ **KUD Hrvatska Baština Martinje - 16. studenoga**
- ♦ **40. obljetnica Hrvatska škola Kardinal Stepinac 30. studenoga**
- ♦ **KUD Hrvatska Baština Program - 14. prosinca**
- ♦ **Božićni program Hrv. škole 21. prosinca**

Naš gost, Don Edvard Punda



Don Edvard Punda, rođen je 1979. godine. Za svećenika Splitsko-makarske nadbiskupije zaređen je 26. 6. 2004. na Manastirinama u Solinu. Od 2004. do 2005. vrši službu župnog

vikara u konkatedralnoj župi sv. Petra u Splitu. Na Papinskom sveučilištu Gregoriana 2007. postiže magisterij iz Fundamentalne teologije s tezom „Rivelazione e storia in W. Pannenberg e W. Kasper“ (Objava i povijest kod W. Pannenberga i W. Kaspera). Na istom Sveučilištu započinje doktorsku disertaciju o temi „La fede in Teresa d’Avila“ (Vjera kod Terezije Avilske. Don Edo Punda od 2008. do 2011. asistent je pri katedri Fundamentalne teologije na Papinskom sveučilištu Gregoriana, a u veljači 2011. imenovan je duhovnikom u Centralnom bogoslovnom sjemeništu u Splitu. Don Edo je nećak naše župljanke Ive Jakelje. Zahvaljujemo mu za dolazak, za predvođenje središnjeg slavlja Velike Gospe ovdje u Chicagu i želimo mu ugodan boravak u našoj sredini.

OUR HONORED GUEST, REV. Edvard Punda

Reverend Edvard (“Edo”) Punda, born in 1979, was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Split-Makarska on June 26, 2004 at Manastir in Solin. He spent his first year as associate pastor at St. Peter’s Parish in Split. He received his Master’s Degree in Fundamental Theology from Gregorian University in Rome in 2007 with a thesis on

“Revelation and History in W. Pannenberg and W. Kasper”. Rev. Edo obtained his doctoral degree in theology at the same university with a dissertation entitled, “The Faith of Teresa of Avila”.).

Rev. Edo was Associate Professor at Gregorian University in the Department of Fundamental Theology from

2008-2011. In February 2011, he was named Spiritual Director at the Central Theologic Seminary in Split. Rev. Edo is the nephew of our parishioner, Iva Jakelja. We thank him for coming to Chicago to share in our celebration of Our Lady’s Assumption Feast and for being the main celebrant at the High Mass. We trust he will enjoy his time here with us.

NEW PHOTO BOOK

The centennial story of St. Jerome's Croatian Church comes alive in a new photo book.

Written by Maria Dugandžić-Pašić and Father Joe Grbeš.

110 pages.
Published 2013

**Grand Marshalls: The Karacic Brothers, Ivan & Karlo
Two brothers, one spirit, two families, one heart.**

Ivan Karacic was born on April 20, 1933 in Jarama, located near Široki Brijeg in Herzegovina. He married Iva (nee Primorac) in 1957 in Ljuti Dolac.

Karlo Karacic was born on February 18, 1939 in Jarama. In 1960 he fled to Triest, Italy. He spent a year in Triest before arriving in Cleveland, then made his way to Chicago in the spring of 1962. Dragica Cuvalo from Proboj, his bride to be, arrived in Chicago in 1965. They were wed at St. Jerome Church in 1966.

Ivan and Iva, together with their two small children, Karmila and Karlo escaped communism and fled to Stuttgart, Germany in 1965. After three years there, they arrived in Chicago. They immediately became parishioners of St. Jerome's. After meeting her soon-to-be-husband at Velika Gospa in 1980, their daughter Karmila married Zivko Knezovic at St. Jerome's. Their daughters, Kristina and Adriana were baptized here; Kristina was married at St. Jerome's to parishoner Ivan Jurkovic. Ivan and Iva's son Karlo completed law school and married parishoner Theresa Lisnic at St. Jerome's. Their children, Nicole and Michael, were also baptized here.

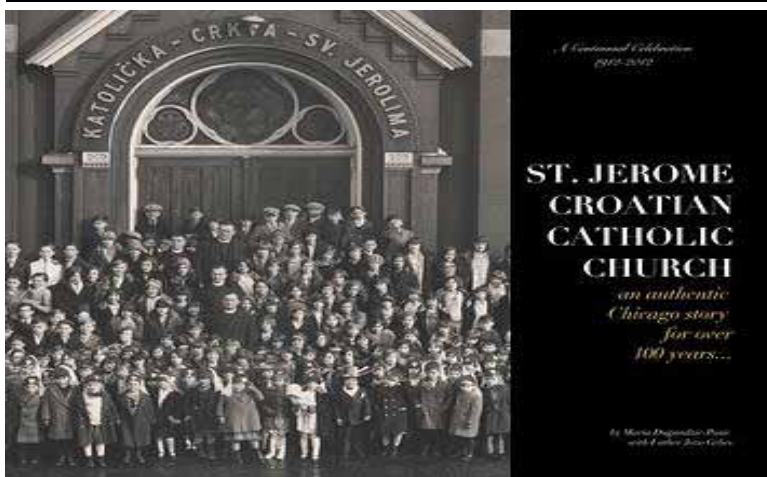
After marrying, Karlo and Dragica's commitment to and love of their church was similarly passed down to the next generation. Their children, Mara, Jadranka and Marko were all baptized at St. Jerome's. As adults, they all wed at St. Jerome's: Mara & Ed Cooper, Jadranka & Ron Signoretto and Marko & Adriana Karacic. Karlo and Dragica's five grandchildren, Dane, Ivana, Marko, Karlo and Adrian were also baptized at their beloved church.

Karmila Knezovic, the dear daughter of Ivan and Iva passed away this year at the young age of 55. This gentle soul and faithful member of our parish community will always be remembered with great respect and gratitude. Even in her death, she continues to be an inspiration to many.

Ivan and Karlo have been a part of our parish community for over five decades, showing the type of dedication that would only be present in men of deep faith. Truly, they are exemplars of what it means to be Catholic men, putting God and family above all else. They faithfully attend mass every Sunday and participate in every Velika Gospa celebration, helping prepare lambs for the feast over decades. These two men are hard working, respectful, with a deep love for those bonded to them. We congratulate Ivan and Karlo on being selected as this year's grand marshalls. We wish them and their families many more happy years of being a part of this community.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- ◆ Croatian School picnic
August 17th
- ◆ Velika Gospa Golf
August 18th
- ◆ Pilgrimage to Holy Hill
August 24th
- ◆ Klapa Pasika Concert
Club Poljica Event
September 6th
- ◆ Club Poljica Mass
Bishop of Dubrovnik,
Mate Uzinić
September 8th
- ◆ Marriage Anniversary
Masses - Sept. 22nd
- ◆ Marian Society
Annual Luncheon
September 29th
- ◆ Sacred Heart 100th
October 13th
- ◆ Croatian Woman
Fashion Show
October 20th
- ◆ Sts. Cyril & Methodius
New York 100th
October 27th
- ◆ KUD Hrvatska Baština
Martinje - Nov. 16th
- ◆ Croatian School
Kardinal Stepinac - 40th
November 30th
- ◆ KUD Hrvatska Baština
Annual Show - Dec. 14th
- ◆ Croatian School
Christmas Show - Dec. 21st



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VELIKA GOPSA

PARKING

Please call and tell your friends and relatives that we have plentiful parking available for our feast. Thanks to our neighbors, we have the following:

**** Old Neighborhood
Italian American Club
parking (30th & Shields)

**** State of Illinois park-
ing under the highway (27th
& Wells, entrance on 27th)

Croatian Catholic Radio
- Saturdays

10 a.m. - 750 AM

www.stjeromecroatian.org

KARAČIĆ.....

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djece Nicole i Michael također su kršteni u crkvi Sv. Jeronima.

Karlo i Dragica imaju troje djece (Mara, Jadranka i Marko). Svo troje rođeni su u Chicagu, svi su kršteni u crkvi Sv. Jeronima, te također sklopili brak u našoj crkvi: Mara i Ed Cooper, Jadranka i Ron Signoretto te Marko i Adriana Mihaljević. Njihova djeca Dane, Ivana, Marko, Karlo i Adrian također su kršteni u Sv. Jeronima.

Karmila Knezović, draga i dobra kći Ivana i Ive preminula je ove godine u 56. godini života. Ove drage duše i vjerne članice naše

zajednice uvijek se sjećamo s velikim poštovanjem i zahvalnošću.

Ova dva uzorna brata Karačić imali su težak život: ostali su bez oca kada su bili mala djeca (3 i 9 godina). Majka Mara je podigla 4 djece. Proživjeli su težak život komunizma i progona, ali ostali čvrsti! Svake nedjelje su redoviti u slavlju sv. Mise (iako putuju sa sjevera Chicaga, odnosno Lincolnwooda). Svake Velike Gospe su s nama u ovom velikom slavlju. Svake su godine desetljećima vezali janjce u pripremi za feštu. Uzor su obitelji koja je zajedno i koja se odlikuje poštenjem, radom, kršćanskim principima i ljubavi prema obitelji i ovoj našoj zajednici. Čestitamo na izboru na ovu prigodnu počast i želimo im još dugo godina zajedništva s nama.

OUR LADY OF SINJ

The feast day of Velika Gospa (Assumption Day, August 15th) is to Croatians what St. Patrick's Day is to the Irish, or what Columbus Day is to the Italians.

In 1715 the barbaric army of the Ottoman Empire was advancing toward the town of Sinj, Croatia. The army's plan was to capture Sinj and press forward. Indeed, the Turks hoped to conquer all of Europe. The people of Sinj, fearing certain annihilation in the face of overwhelming odds, implored the intervention of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Throughout the night of August 14th, they held a prayer vigil before their painting of the Virgin Mary, under the title at that time of "Our Lady of Grace."

The following morning, Au-

gust 15th, on the great feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven, an apparition of a beautiful lady appeared in the sky. The faithful recognized her as the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Turkish soldiers saw her and became violently ill. They were unable to cross the river to Sinj, and returned to their territory. Through Our Lady of Sinj's miraculous intervention, the attack was repulsed and the powerful Turks fled.

Ever since that day, Croatians have maintained a unique love and devotion to Mary. Thousands still make the annual pilgrimage to Sinj. Many more around the world seek Our Lady of Sinj's miraculous intervention.

The religious tradition of a Velika Gospa Procession and

Mass was brought to Bridgeport in 1906 by Croatian immigrants from Sinj.



In 1913 the Bradarich brothers donated a painted copy of the original icon of Our Lady of Sinj. This year marks the 100th anniversary of this painting being carried in procession on the streets of Chicago.