

MASS INTENTIONS**Easter Monday – Ponedjeljak, April 9, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Mary Pesce Mario & Mare Romanović
 Grgo Nikolić Mr. & Mrs. Ivica Penavić
 Jocko Becich Deb & Mickey LoCoco
 Connie Fratto Mary
 Na nakanu Dragica Pavić

Easter Tuesday – Utorak, April 10, 2007

7:30 a.m. Bruno Bertucci family
 Ana Vidović Mary Fratto
 Slavica Ćurić-Beslić ob. Beslić
 Na nakanu Božena Ilić

Easter Wednesday – Srijeda, April 11, 2007

7:30 a.m. Iorio family Perisins
 Joja (Joe) Babić Mr. & Mrs. Ivica Penavić
 Mike Brcich Anthony Pesce
 Agnes Roti Rose Ann Gurgone
 Sr. Mary Bernardine Čondić R & J Vari

Easter Thursday – Četvrtak, April 12, 2007

7:30 a.m. Nick LoCoco wife & children
 Jerry Popovich Mickey Rodich
 Michael Brcich Ferro family
 Eva Butera M/M Anthony Senerchia
 Josip Lišnić Milan i Anka Žolo

Easter Friday – Petak, April 13, 2007

7:30 a.m. Marie Diamond John & Gen Botica
 Jocko Becich Louzon family
 Ann Sexauer Josephine Hanson
 Na nakanu ob. Galić

Easter Saturday – Subota, April 14, 2007

7:30 a.m. Michael Brcich Jr. & Mamie Balestri
 Charles P. Marino Charles & Patricia Marino
 Sr. M. Bernardine Condich Lorraine Scumaci
 Na nakanu Olga Puljić

5:30 p.m. Mary Plepel Dorothy Plepel
 Connie Fratto M/M Angelo Catizone
 Peter Trumblay Sr. Nowacki family
 Ana Vidović Mary Fratto
 Barry Babich Gabric Boosters
 Sam & Sima Babich family Terri & Sam Babich
 Connie Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce
 Dragica Bugarin Jelica Šimunić

Divine Mercy Sunday / Mali Uskrs–Nedjelja, April 15, 2007

7:30 a.m. Al & Millie Mucenski family
 Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Sr. Mary Bernardine Čondić R & J Vari
 Special Intention Ellen O'Donnell

9:30 a.m. Luka & Iva Majić Majić family
 Stanley & Mary Vrbancic family
 Sam & Ann DeGregorio Senerchia family
 Vivian Sexton Chris & Matt Pesce

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Joko Tokić ob. Stipe Tokić
 Jozo i Ana Pervan ob. Ljuba Pervan
 Fra Dominik Mandić Mr. & Mrs. Ivica Penavić
 Pave Žgela ob. Mare Žgela
 Mate Mirko Marasović Anđelka Vidović
 Josip Lišnić ob. Stanko Šego
 Mile i Kate Krpan ob. Jure Krpan
 Estera Margareta Badrov kći Margaret Badrov
 Blaž Bilonić Joanna Oliva family
 Bud Alfirevich Toni & family
 Kate, Janko i Mile Plivelić ob. Zora Obranović
 Ljubica Bašić kći Milica
 Ana Vidović Jure i Zlata Dugandžić i ob.
 Pok. iz ob. Ostojić David & Katica Škaro
 Pok. iz ob. M & T Čondić sin
 Pok. iz ob. Šimatić i Milanez ob. Šimatić
 Pok. ob. Steve i Marica Spehar obitelj
 Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob.
 Za sve potrebe ob. Blago Planinić

LECTORS

Sat., April 14, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro
 Sun., April 15, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
 Sun., April 15, 9:30 a.m. Briana Babich
 Sun., April 15, 11:00 a.m. Ana Ivezić, Antonia Jurković,
 Anita Kosir

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat., Apr. 14, 5:30 p.m. Meo, L. Rubio, M. Rubio
 Sun., Apr. 15, 7:30 a.m. Kenny, Wilke
 Sun., Apr. 15, 9:30 a.m. Passi, Racinowski, Sarkauskas
 Sun., Apr. 15, 11:00 a.m. D. Jurković, M. Kikaš,
 M. Kosir, I. Jurković, S. Ivezić, K. Cikoch

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Stijepan Miočić & Željka Jović (I)

Jerry Thomas Cargill & Anna Maria Blažević (I)

FOR RENT

- One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.
- Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312-671-2160.
- 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms), redecorated. 312-842-6176.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord

We sometimes envy the apostles and the first disciples. We often imagine that they had an advantage over all later Christians because they were actually present at the events related in the Gospels. Obviously they saw the risen Jesus with their own eyes and touched him with their hands. That likely made it easy to believe.

Where does all this leave us? We can't see Jesus the way the apostles saw him. We can't be present in the upper room going over the events of

Holy Week when Jesus drops in. We live by faith, not sight. What must we do in order to believe?

First, we *are* his disciples. For us things are harder in some ways, but easier in others. Things are harder because twenty centuries have gone by since Jesus walked the earth. On the positive side, the fact that the Son of God walked the earth has become less shocking for us over time, and so in it has become easier to accept.

But at the end of the day, all disci-

ples are essentially equal — all have to make the leap of faith. We, like the first disciples, become disciples through faith.

The friends of Jesus saw him and heard him only a few times after that Easter day, but their lives were completely changed. By sharing their faith, our lives will be changed too. We are able to travel in hope because we know that Good will triumph over Evil, and Eternal Life will triumph over death — *because Jesus is risen.*

WISDOM'S CORNER

Entering into Glory

During World War II, a man spent three years as a prisoner of war in the Auschwitz death camp. He survived but his wife and family perished. One day shortly after the Allies liberated the prisoners from the death camp, he went for a walk through the countryside toward a town a few miles from the camp.

The meadows were full of flowers. Birds rose singing into the sky. There was no person to be seen for miles around. There was nothing but the wide earth and sky, the singing, and the freedom of space. He stopped, looked around him, and up into the blue sky. Then he went down on his knees to give thanks to God for his liberation. As he prayed, one sentence came to mind that expressed what he was feeling: "I called on God from my narrow prison, and he answered me in the freedom of space."

How long he knelt there repeating that sentence he could not tell, but he said later: "On that day and in that hour my new life started."

The joy felt that day was inseparable from the suffering that was experienced in the camp. Similarly, we can't separate the Resurrection of Jesus from his passion and death. His glory cannot be separated from his pain. Even we can't have Easter Sunday without Good Friday, but when we are experiencing the 'Good Fridays' of our lives, it is vitally important to remember Easter joy.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Jesus has broken the power of death and given *us* the hope of eternal life."

IN HIS PRESENCE

In the presence of the Risen Lord, we stand in awe.

In the presence of the Risen Lord, whose arms have held children and whose eyes have sparkled with laughter, we stand in trust.

In the presence of the Risen Lord, whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for love, we stand in need.

In the presence of the Risen Lord, whose Blood was shed for our salvation and who showed us that Life is stronger than death, we stand in hope.

Before you, Risen Lord, source of all love and truth and wholeness, we stand in faith.

Glory to you, O Lord. Alleluia!

From Pope Benedict's lips to our ears:

The Vatican recently issued a question-and-answer format book that teaches the truth about Jesus & the Catholic Church.

Question: **What is the saving meaning of the Resurrection?**

Answer: **The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It fulfills all the divine promises made for us.**

Furthermore the risen Christ, the conqueror of death and sin, is the principle of *our* justification and *our* Resurrection:

— The risen Christ procures for us now the grace of [adoption as children of God], which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son.

— At the end of time he will raise up our bodies.



Have a Blessed and Joyful Easter!

Dear Friends,



To the Cross, to the Tomb, to the Resurrection! Jesus, truly God and truly human, traveled that sorrowful-but-then-joyful journey out of love for us, and we have been blessed by his love shown for us. He died for our sins — and we are able to repent and receive forgiveness for our sins. He conquered death for us — and we are able to receive Eternal Life! As we travel in his footsteps on our own sorrowful-and-joyful journeys, we do so with solid hope!

Thank you for the love and devotion that you have shown this Lent and now at Easter. Thank you for sharing your journey with St. Jerome's.

Your brothers, *Fr. Joe & Fr. Ivan*

New groups starting: Sign up if you'd like to join a St. Jerome's Bible study group, a St. Jerome's book club, a singles club, a seniors group, a cooking club, or an "On the Town" group. Signup sheets will be in the entrance area for anyone interested. For more, please call the rectory (312-842-1871) or Jan Ferro (312-225-9751).

Congratulations to the winners of the \$13,000 Palacinka Breakfast Raffle sponsored by the St. Jerome HSA: Grand Prize of \$10,000 was won by K.&T. Condito; \$1,000 by "Ro Deb"; \$1,000 by St. Jerome School Staff (John, Marty, MaryAnn, Eva, Maurizio, Nicolette, & Sara); \$500 by V. Bozich; and \$500 by E.&T. Mossman.

The St. Jerome Home School Association would like to thank everyone for their continued participation and support during our Palacinka Breakfast. Without your hard work and dedication to our school, we would not be able to fund some of the exciting and educational activities for the school children. We are fortunate to have such a caring group of parishioners.

Please pick up your pictures with the Easter Bunny at the rectory.



Consider helping the Women's Center: Pregnant women in difficult situations often find themselves feeling confused, under pressure and alone. At The Women's Center, counselors help them through friendship, counseling, and material assistance. They have saved over 30,000 women and their babies from the horrible consequences of abortion.

At the present time, to provide its material assistance, the Women's Center needs new and gently used baby items, and infant and children's clothes. Also needed are diapers, household cleaning supplies, paper products and toiletries. Please call 773-794-1313 for an address near you where these can be dropped off.

Coming events at St. Jerome's

APRIL:

Saturday, April 21, 5:00 p.m. — Four "Cardinal Stepinac" Folklore groups from New York City, Montreal, Windsor and St. Jerome's will perform at the Illinois Institute of Technology's auditorium, at 32nd and State. Adult tickets are \$20 and children under 12 are free.

Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. — *Second talk in our lecture series in honor of St. Jerome's 95th Year.* Ms. Yvonne Florzak-Seeman, of lovefromaboveinc.com, will be speak to us about her healing from the tragedy of several abortions.

Saturday, April 28, 5:30 p.m., Confirmation.

JUNE:

Save the Date: Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m., "St. Jerome Night" at Sox Park. The 2005 World Series champs take on 2003's champions, the Florida Marlins. *Tickets will soon arrive in the rectory. More information will be forthcoming.*

Thank You to All Who Made Our Church Look Excellent for Easter

On Tuesday of Holy Week more than 30 women and men came and cleaned the interior of our church — from balcony to bottom. Because of this wonderful turnout, the work went quickly and well. Thank you!

Special thanks go out to Louis Scalise and Kenny Zekich for their liturgical decorating, as well as changing lightbulbs on the ceiling! Thank you to all who donated Easter flowers.

We also appreciate the power cleaning that our church's front steps and gangway received, donated by Kenny & Jan Zekich.