

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, April 14, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Harzich Dolores Crane  
 Jean Zekich Martin & John Kraslen  
 Dorothy Petroline Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Salvatore "Tooty" Quattrocci Rita & Chris Johnson

**Tuesday – Utorak, April 15, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Biserka Marušić ob. Tomica Marušić  
 Jean Zekich Mary Fratto  
 Frank Scalise Joan Sipich  
 Na odluku Ivan i Iva Maroš

**Wednesday – Srijeda, April 16, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Anđela Kadić ob. Penavić  
 Angie Modrich nephew Robert Modrich  
 Frank J. Scalise Mary Fratto  
 Caroline "Dolly" Basso Pat LaCasa

**Thursday – Četvrtak, April 17, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Joe Bozich wife & family  
 Katie Caruso Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Gus Rodich Peter & JoAnn Peso  
 Na čast sv. Anti ob. Tomić

**8:05 a.m.** Pro populo Mass with schoolchildren

**Friday – Petak, April 18, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Robert Carter Gerard  
 Štefa Šega Katica Kosić & family  
 George & Cvita Vladovich Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Special intention of Yolanda Langoria Joe

**Saturday – Subota, April 19, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Jean Zekich Amoruso family  
 Frank Scalise Sr. Matt & Chris Pesce  
 Dolly Basso Juliana Perisin & Charles DiCaro  
 Marie DiVito Jan & Rich Ferro

**5:30 p.m.** Mike Iozzo Iozzo family  
 Frank Sztatowski Dorothy & Mike Corich  
 Frank "Scully" Scalise Mr. & Mrs. Pete Schurla  
 Augustus Vinci Rak family  
 Na nakanu Blage i Ivanke Planinić

**Sunday – Nedjelja, April 20, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško  
 Jim Balestri Ann Contino  
 Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Jennie Salerno daughter Rose Ann

**9:30 a.m.** Mary Harzich Anđelka Vidović  
 Jeanne Zekich Terese Perisin  
 Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich Bruno & Gael Bertucci  
 Frank "Scully" Scalise Laco family  
 John Pascente Rose Marie Sestito  
 Carlos Iglesias (1st Anniv.) Iglesias family  
 Filip Majić Majić family  
 Dec. of Alfirevich family Alfirevich family  
 Health of Allen Govic Drury Lane

**11:00 a.m. u spomen**

Josip Lišnić ob. Jure Kutleša  
 Vlatko Čuvalo Marko i Marija Knezović i ob.  
 Stipe Pervan obitelj  
 Danica Maroš Anđa Rudman-Livaja  
 Zora Šego ob. Štanko Šego  
 Štefa Šego Louis & Mary Scalise fam.  
 Slavica Blažević ob. Blažević  
 Augustin Rodić ob. S. Pudar  
 Robert Jurlina Jurlina family  
 Ivan i Anđa Tokić ob. Stipe Tokić  
 Josa Cvrković ob. Ivan Mlinarich  
 Rina Matković ob. Stoja i Božo Kosir  
 Petar i Joza Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić  
 Rudolf Arapović Tomo Mandić  
 Jaka Šipić Ante Sipich  
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

**LECTORS**

**Sat., April 19, 5:30 p.m.** Robert Bazan  
**Sun., April 20, 7:30 a.m.** Matthew Pesce  
**Sun., April 20, 9:30 a.m.** Diane Krolo  
**Sun., April 20, 11 a.m.** Anđela Bajić, Mate Žaper,  
 Antonia Kraljević

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat., April 19, 5:30 p.m.** C. Garcia, S. Garcia,  
 Racinowski  
**Sun., April 20, 7:30 a.m.** C. Perseghin, M.  
 Perseghin  
**Sun., April 20, 9:30 a.m.** Iglesias, Olague, Passi  
**Sun., April 20, 11:00 a.m.** D. Jureta, K. Šego, M.  
 Šego, I. Jureta, M. Kosir

**For Rent:** ▶ Apt at 2701 Princeton. Spacious, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 floor, w/ hardwood floors & appliances. 5 rms, 2 bdrms.  
 \$750/mo. Available June 1, 2008. Call 708-567-1591.  
 References & security deposit required.

▶ Vicinity Canal & 30th: 2nd floor, 2-bdrm + fam. rm  
 w/deck, sep. LR & DR, large kitchen, garage included,  
 AC. \$950. 312-315-3583/773-775-7541

▶ Apt 28th/Princeton, Quiet 2 bdrm, clean, sunlight,  
 non-smoking bldg. No pets. Central air/heat, stove top,  
 oven, fridge incl. Free laundry facility in bldg. \$800 mo.  
 plus 1 mo. sec. dep. Credit check & ref. a must. Leave  
 message 9 AM-7 PM 312-501-0918.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the main difference between a good shepherd and a thief of sheep: "A thief comes only to slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Jesus the Good Shepherd wants us, his flock, to have life more abundantly — and these words can be applied to our life on earth, not only to our hope in eternal life.

It is possible to view this present

life on earth as nothing more than a time of trial before eternal life. Although this dimension of trial should never be underestimated, it should not be the only focus of life. Jesus wants us, his sheep, to have life more abundantly — now *and* in eternity.

It certainly is to be possible to enjoy life here on earth abundantly while being devout



and religious.

However, "to live abundantly" is not the same as "to live it up." To live abundantly is not the same as living selfishly.

Indeed, living abundantly includes an overflowing of the abundance in our lives to others, a sharing of life's goods and joy with our neighbor.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Living life to the full

There is a story from Spain that says when people arrive at the gate of heaven seeking to enter, St. Peter asks them a strange question.

He says to each one, "Tell me this, have you taken advantage of the earthly joys that God in his goodness made available to you while you were on earth?"

If a person replies, "No, I haven't," Peter shakes his head sadly and says, "Alas, my friend, I can't let you in — not yet, at any rate. How can you expect to be ready for the God's heavenly joys if you have not prepared your heart for them by means of God's earthly ones? I will send you back down to earth until you are ready for God's heavenly joys."

*The Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants us to have life abundantly. Let us not be timid and fearful. Let us live joyfully with whatever truly good thing comes to us as a gift from God.*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We do not enjoy this world everlastingly, only briefly; our life before heaven is like the warming of oneself in the sun."

## Franciscan Friars: 1209-2009, and beyond...

Continuing our gradual look at the Franciscan Friars as they approach their 800th birthday as a Religious Order, we focus our attention on the life of the man who started it all:

### St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226).

#### **St. Clare's major effect on Francis and his brothers (a continuation)**

There is no dispute that the other great saint from Assisi is St. Clare. And just as it is impossible to truly understand any famous married person without considering his or her spouse, so too is it impossible to understand Francis without considering the great woman in his life, Clare.

As noted previously, Clare was a noblewoman in her 18th year, when Francis (7 years her senior) completely impressed her with his embracing of holy poverty and total reliance on God. She soon became the first woman to follow Francis and his way of humility and poverty, chastity and obedience. Francis saw immediately that he could not have Clare adopt the "itinerant preacher" lifestyle of the Franciscan brothers, who traveled from place to place as preachers, obtaining their basic necessities through manual labor and begging. Instead, Francis placed Clare (and the many women who would follow her lead) into a *cloistered* life — but Clare would see to it that her cloistered life was radically different from any other cloister up until that time. Clare refused to own *any* property — individually or communally. Although many well-meaning church officials tried to convince her to accept endowments to give her sisters financial security, Clare insisted that she would only rely on God's providential care and the begging of Francis's brothers. Clare demanded absolute poverty for herself and her sisters, and her firmness would eventually even persuade Popes to let the Poor Clares live their radical lifestyle.

Why embrace humility and poverty? Because Jesus did, accepting even the humiliation of the Cross. And just as Jesus brought abundant life to the entire world through the Cross, so too did Clare's humble cloistered life of poverty enable her to live on earth abundantly and intimately with Jesus. Francis had a trusted adviser in Clare. She was also a constant reminder to him to find time for mystical contemplative prayer. And because she would live till 1253 — 27 years after Francis — for the earliest generations of Franciscans, Clare was the guardian of the original Franciscan spirit of humble reliance on God. **(To be continued...)**



**HELP SAVE A LIFE THROUGH OUR BLOOD DRIVE,**

**THIS SUNDAY,** April 13. Our St. Jerome Youth Service Corps is sponsoring its second annual Parish-wide Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our School Hall. For more, call Janel at 773-510-4792. Appointments preferred, but walk-ins are welcome too.

**Sox tickets:** St. Jerome's White Sox evening is Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets for our group are \$26.00 per person. This year our seats are in a good section on the lower level. This special event promises to be another fun and exciting parish activity. Join us!

**1st Meeting for 102nd Velika Gospa this Wednesday:** All those involved with planning till now and those who like to be involved in planning our Aug. 15 celebration are welcome to this first meeting in the Small Hall this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**ON THE TOWN is this Thursday:** For those of you attending our first gathering at Franconello's on April 17 at 7 p.m., we will be meeting at St. Jerome about 6:30. This way we can car pool and accommodate anyone who would rather not drive. See you soon! For more, call: Jan Ferro 312-225-9751.

**Parish council spiritual retreat:** Council members should mark their calendars for an entire day of retreat at Techny, Illinois, on Thursday, April 24.

**\*\*\*FREE SEMINAR\*\*\***

**AVOID THE  
BIGGEST MISTAKES  
IN MORTGAGES AND  
HOME BUYING**



These are difficult times for mortgages and housing.  
Protect yourself and profit from it!

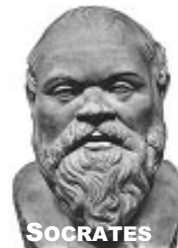
We will discuss the truth about the current situation and provide you the knowledge and confidence to improve your financial position. The seminar will be conducted by Bernard Dugandzic and Tom Leko (Realtor). Topics we will discuss: Mortgages — which one is best for you. Why you should never send an "extra payment" to your lender. Choosing a mortgage which provides LIQUIDITY, SAFETY, and RATE OF RETURN. Why the IRS is your friend if you have the right mortgage. Credit — How to improve your credit score. The home buying process. The benefits of homeownership. How to profit from the housing slowdown. And much, much more!  
**Sunday, April 27th.**

**Dear Friends!**

**You've probably met people with unchangeable attitudes.** People with hard and



unchangeable attitudes and with no desire at all to grow. They might know the world and how to live well. They know what needs to be done and how to do it, what judgments to make, and even how to properly raise children. They neither need nor want help doing anything. They are often quite self-sufficient. And yet, it seems to me, they lack one thing: knowing themselves. Such people seem to me to not know themselves, their limitations, their shortcomings, their strengths, their personality. Does it seem that way to you? We can also ask ourselves the same question: "Do I know myself?" How do we come to know ourselves? And are we exactly the same "self" that we were 10 years ago? If we have changed, then do we know what changed us and how? Have we even asked ourselves whether we need to change our thinking, our attitudes, our behavior, our lives? (Of course, always trying to change for the better.) The great Greek philosopher Socrates once said: "An unexamined life is not worth living." A person is not defined by what he or she does, but by who they are — and by whose they are. A person is an intelligent being capable not only of reflecting upon the world but also of reflecting upon one's self in that world. Do you think that you might be able to spare some time for that intelligent self-reflection in your own life?



*Fr. Joe*

**Please remember in your prayers Cvijeta Puljic,** 93, who passed away Thursday in Pozega, Croatia. Please also pray for her loved ones, including her son, Fr. Marko Puljic, who is the Custos of our Croatian Franciscan Custody based here in Chicago. *May Cvijeta and all the departed, rest in Christ's peace.*

**ATTENTION GOLFERS:** St. Jerome 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing is Monday, June 30, 2008, with a Shotgun start at Silver Lakes Country Club, 14750 S. 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Orland Park, IL. The \$130.00 Registration includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Dinner & Open Bar. Call us to make your reservation or for sponsor information: Denise Bertucci (312) 636-8551 or Leslie Kish (312) 907-0240

*Have fun while supporting our parish school!*