

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, April 3, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Mate Morić Julie Pesce Marcus  
Stana Erceg Olga i Boro Puljić

**Tuesday – Utorak, April 4, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Ivan Vuković Ankica Došen  
Grace Borovina C. Borovina

**Wednesday – Srijeda, April 5, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome  
Frank Munizza Catherine & Nick Perisin  
James Gurgone wife & children

**Thursday – Četvrtak, April 6, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Stana Erceg M. & M. Romanović  
Josephine Odo Connie & Mary Fratto

**8:05 A.M.** For Parishioners

**Friday – Petak, April 7, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Elizabeth Fabrizio Annie  
Casey Sheehan Jon Weber

**Saturday – Subota, April 8, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Tom Hughes Mary Vujić  
Evelyn Condich Laura Perisin Perseghin

**5:30 P.M.** Nancy Prather M/M Robert Link  
Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce  
Mary Plepel Dorothy Plepel  
Judy Skokal Hostička family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, April 9, 2006  
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**7:30 A.M.** Edward Vucinic M/M William Plisic  
Deceased of Kraslen family brothers  
Deceased of Bartuca family Frank Bartuca

**9:30 A.M.** Nick LoCoco wife  
Matilda Misetic Maria E. Sipich  
Sophie & Ralph Bonello  
Georgeann, Baldo & daughters

**11:00 A.M. u spomen**

Ivan Vuković John i Marija Kosić  
Vinko Lišnić Mato Blažević  
Slavica Čurić-Bešlić ob. Bešlić  
Mary Alfievich Fenlon family & friends  
Mijo Penavić ob. Penavić  
Toni Stašić ob. Stašić  
Križan i Pera Ostojić ob. Anica Ostojić  
Stipe Pervan obitelj  
Branko Jurković ob. Ivan Mlinarich  
Mara Karačić i pok. ob. Karačić ob. Karačić  
Sve pok. ob. Belan i Kralj Ljubica i Ivan Belan  
Deseto travanjski junaci Ivica Penavić



**Saturday, Apr. 8, 5:30 P.M.** Joseph Magyar  
**Sunday, Apr. 9, 7:30 A.M.** Matt Pesce  
**Sunday, Apr. 9, 9:30 A.M.** FAMILY MASS  
**Sunday, Apr. 9, 9:30 A.M.** Karmela Kristić, Anita Kosir



**Sat., Apr. 8, 5:30 P.M.** Gonzalez, B. Kenny, V. Kenny  
**Sunday, Apr. 9, 7:30 A.M.** Rudmin, Segvich  
**Sunday, Apr. 9, 9:30 A.M.** Insalaco, Mitchell, Racinowski  
**Sunday, Apr. 9, 11:00 A.M.** Bajić, K. Kristić, I. Babić, D. Paraga, I. Jureta

**FOR SALE**

► 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773 704 7302

**FOR RENT**

► One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312 225 7959  
► Contemporary apartment, 2 bdrm, 1st floor, heat included. 312 326 1094  
► 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, carpeting, cable 312 593 2864.  
► Two apts. in 2 flat bldg, all new. 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.  
► Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582  
► Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312 671 2160

## WEEKLY MEDITATION— FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Just as a grain of wheat has to die in order to bear fruit, so we must die to self if we are to live fully and fruitfully, and realize our full potential as human beings and children of God.

Death is part of life. We are born to die, to die that we may live more fully; and we are born to die a little each day to selfishness, to pretence, and to sin. Every time we pass from one stage of life to another, something in us dies

and something new is born. We taste death in moments of loneliness, rejection, sorrow, disappointment and failure. We are dying sadly before our time when we live in bitterness, in hatred and in isolation. Each day, we are creating our own death by the way we live.

When Jesus says, "Anyone who loves his life lose it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it," Jesus is not telling us to hate ourselves or our

lives. We have to learn to love ourselves. ("Love your neighbor as yourself!") Nobody can love us if we do not love ourselves. God wants us to have a *true and unselfish love* of self.

To forget self, to transcend self—that is what it means to lose oneself, to deny self, to die to self. It is in getting out of ourselves, in dedicating ourselves to causes beyond ourselves, that we grow and bear fruit.

## Pope John Paul entered Eternity one year ago

A year has passed since John Paul II taught us how to die in Christ.

A remarkably readable new book by Peggy Noonan, "John Paul the Great: Remembering a Spiritual Father," expresses well his essential teachings — teaching us how we can live in Christ:

We wonder, John Paul says, if there is a God. And while we think about this, we are all of us constantly drawn to "gods," to gods of our own making. **We start to obey them and their demands**—the god of pleasure or wealth, the god of ambition or excitement, the god of physical beauty or popularity.

**But these gods are false.** We've invented them. Or we begin to notice them and consciously or unconsciously honor them when *our neighbor* invents them. (Perhaps when the man next door parks his new speedboat in his driveway, you can't help but start to worship the god of prosperity who brings beautiful things you can park in front of your house. The wonderful thing about this god is that the fruits of worship are so quantifiable, in wealth in the bank say, or a new Lexus.)

False gods are alluring; but while we're looking at them or up to them, we are looking away from the real God. And **when we look away from him, we become less able to see the truth.** Which only gets us deeper into confusion. When you follow the god of the day, you wind up lost, on a path to nowhere.

But, the pope writes [in his great encyclical "The Splendor of Truth"], **do not be afraid.** Even when we are following illusion, the true God hasn't died in us. The light of God is still within us, waiting.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Planted by God

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.

Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must "die to self" (in other words, overcome our selfishness) in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.

Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.

Every act of kindness involves dying to insensitivity.

Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the false self — the Ego — dies and the true self — made in God's image — grows and is nurtured.

It is by giving that we receive.

It is by forgiving that we are forgiven.

It is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

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## THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"The strongest evidence of love is sacrifice."**

## Famous organist to play TODAY at 12:30 p.m. in our church

Mario Perestegi, a famed Croatian organist, will play 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century masterpieces. The concert is today in our church at 12:30 p.m.

## Open House for St. Jerome School

THIS Monday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all new families: pre-school through grade 8. Keep our school at its best when you personally invite new young families to experience St. Jerome's.

## Chicago White Sox tickets on sale for 'St. Jerome Croatian Night' June 8

At the Parish Office, we are selling our Parish's 400 reserved tickets (in right field) for the Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m. game against the Detroit Tigers. Every ticket is \$28.00.

*If you haven't alerted us of your old photos, home movies & videotapes of Velika Gospa ... please contact Louis Scalise as soon as possible. The production process will begin soon.*

## Hear a dynamic Catholic preacher

Fr. Larry Richards speaks on growing through Lent this Sunday 5-6 p.m. on Catholic Relevant Radio 82 AM.

## WEDDING BANNERS

Dominic Leodoro & Dina Marie Edwards

## St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 182,916
March Donations Thus Far:	\$ 2,520
Needed for monthly mortgage payment:	\$ 11,900

## The Chicago Fire Department wants you!

Firefighter/EMT examination applications being received **now** until April 11. Call 312-474-0175 or go to [www.cityofchicago.org/fire](http://www.cityofchicago.org/fire) Pass



Please come to the Pre-Easter Church Cleanup. All who can help, please come Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Thank you very much!

## Easter is near, and Easter mailing is on the way

Dear Parishioners, soon you shall receive our Easter mailing with its enclosed schedule for the many special liturgies of Holy Week. Please continue to actively participate in these greatest spiritual days of our Faith.



**ALL WHO WISH TO DONATE EASTER FLOWERS:** Please contact Mary & Louis Scalise; Jan & Ken Zekich, and Vesna & Ivan Jureta. Thank you for your generosity!

## Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at St. Jerome's

Come and join us for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in the school hall **NEXT SUNDAY, April 9** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Palacinkas, pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, juice and milk will be served. Adults - \$6.00 and Children - \$3.00. There will be a raffle table, a bake sale, and also tables of wonderful crafts and specialty items. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be taken. **The five prize winners in our \$13,000.00 raffle — with its Grand Prize of \$10,000.00 — will be announced at 12:30 p.m.** Raffle tickets available at school and parish offices.

## 'Croatian Woman' / 'Hrvatska Žena' Humanitarian Luncheon is next Sunday

The organization "Croatian Woman"/"Hrvatska Žena" has its annual charity luncheon **this coming Sunday, April 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Croatian Cultural Center.** Please buy tickets from members.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** At the start of Holy Week, come and celebrate the **Sacrament of Confession** at a St. Jerome Penance Service held **Palm Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m.** *Seven priests will come to hear private confessions.*

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed in English during Lent on Fridays at 7 p.m. (and at 1:45 p.m. with the School).

## Papal Exhibit is getting rave reviews

More than 300 papal objects — including a papal ring, a papal tiara, Pope John Paul's famous crosier cross, and the famed Mandyon of Edessa — are part of a special exhibit in the Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 W. Wells St. Brochures are in the rear of the church. Adult tickets are \$18.50, plus handling fee. Ordering your tickets in advance is *strongly recommended* — call 888-700-9069 or go to [www.mpm.edu](http://www.mpm.edu) The exhibit lasts until **May 7** and is the **only Midwest stop** during the exhibit's U.S. tour.