

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, April 21, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Mary Harzich Mary Ann Romano
Fr. Mark Kozina (5th anniv.) Carol & Frano Marasovich
Scully Scalise Rosemarie Senese
Marty Crosby Catherine & Nick Perisin
Carlos Iglesias Jr. Iglesias family

Tuesday – Utorak, April 22, 2008

7:30 a.m. Michael Fratto Mary Fratto
Jean Zekich Kay Siani
Dolly Basso Ann Contino
Special intention of Kim Pocić Joe

Wednesday – Srijeda, April 23, 2008**Feast of St. George, patron of Poljica – Sv. Jure**

7:30 a.m. Dragojka Badrov ob. Jozo Badrov
Tonka & Scully Scalise Catherine & Nick Perisin
Gus Rodich Josephine Hanson
Rosemary Kozlar Albina Marasovich

Thursday – Četvrtak, April 24, 2008

7:30 a.m. Joe Cubelic Duško Čondić
Theresa Anne Link Randy & Joyce Ferrari
Rine Matković ob. Stoja i Božo Kosir
Our Lady of Medjugorje John & Gen Botica
Na nakanu ob. Duško Kraljević

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

Friday – Petak, April 25, 2008**Feast of St. Mark, evangelist**

7:30 a.m. Angie Modrich nephew Dennis Modrich
Jean Zekich Peter & Connie Polacek
Mildred Zaffino Emily Dengler
Carl Powell Catherine & Nick Perisin

Saturday – Subota, April 26, 2008

7:30 a.m. Jean Zekich Peter & Connie Polacek
Scully Scalise John & Marty Kraslen
Dorothy Burns ob. Marinko i Božana Ilić
Fred "Cermak" Roti Catherine & Nick Perisin

5:30 p.m. Katica Plepel Dorothy Plepel
Frank Szatkowski Dorothy & Mike Corich
Jean Zekich Lucille Blaney
Dolly Basso Halloran family
Rosario & Maria Scalise Pasqualina Crotolo
Sam Passarelli Mike & Joann Passarelli
Thompson & Iozzo family Iozzo family

Sunday – Nedjelja, April 27, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
Dolly Basso Ann Contino
Scully Scalise M/M William Plisic
Carlos Iglesias Jr. Iglesias family

9:30 a.m. Marie DiVito Cathy Amato
Margaret Marcello Pace family
William Wagner Bonnie
Mary Harzich Joe Silich
Joe & Jeanne Zekich Catherine & Nick Perisin
Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich Bruno & Gael Bertucci
John Catezone M/M Matthew Babich
Poces family Toni Alfirevich family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić Milka Lišnić
Danica Maroš ob. Ivan Marić
John Roscich family
Anton Schauer David i Kathy Škaro
Grgo i Milica Bilonić kći Milenka Lišnić i ob.
Mirko i Mara Kosir ob. Ivo Kosir
Štefa Šego Andrija Vasilj
Jelka Ostojić ob. Stanko Šego
Šime Perković supruga Marija sa djecom
Katica Jazvo Tomo Mandić
Ivan Pavić kći Ivanka i ob.
Augustin Rodić Ante Sipich
Ankica Jakovac (5th anniv.) unuk Ivica Kuhtić
Fra Hrvoslav Ban ob. Zlate Dugandžić
Ljubica i Marko Bašić ob. Čosić
Dražen Jukić Lubica Jukić
Pok. iz ob. Obradović ob. Ruža Šumera
Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS

Sat., April 26, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Magyar
Sun., April 27, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic
Sun., April 27, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., April 27, 11 a.m. Snježana Šego, Natasa
Djebro, Tihana Jurković

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., April 26, 5:30 p.m. M. Meo, R. Meo, Wilkie
Sun., April 27, 7:30 a.m. L. Rubio, M. Rubio
Sun., April 27, 9:30 a.m. Mangan, Rudmin,
Wroblewski
Sun., April 27, 11:00 a.m. O. Paraga, D. Grgić,
S. Adjaip, M. Brajković, E. Ljevar

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Few of us know what it's like to be homeless. Without a home where we belong and are loved, life can lose much of its meaning. Jesus assures us in today's Gospel that ultimately all of us do have a home to go to, namely, the Father's house. He even tells us that he has gone ahead of us to prepare a place for us in that house.

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of a good home. In the first place, to have a home is not just to

have a house. It is to have close ties with other people. It is to have a set of relationships in which to stand. Ideally, it is to have people who accept us for what we are; people who give us a feeling of belonging; people among whom we can be ourselves, and who, by accepting us, bring us healing.

What a tremendous reason for hope Our Lord gives us! The words of Jesus that we find in today's Gospel should bring joy to our hearts. Life is a



journey, and death is a home-coming to the Father's house. It's nice to know that we have at least one person waiting there to welcome us with open arms — Christ himself.

Pope Benedict arrives in U.S., fostering renewal & hope

Since his arrival in the United States, Pope Benedict the 16th has given many stimulating speeches and homilies in Washington and New York City, kindly shepherding his American flock. We offer a taste of this enlightening talk, from the Pope's speech after a gracious welcome at the White House. (To read all of the Pope's addresses on the internet, go to www.uspapalvisit.org.)



Pope Benedict joyfully blesses people of Washington, D.C., from the Popemobile.

... I am happy to be here as a guest of all Americans. I come as a friend, a preacher of the Gospel and one with great respect for this vast pluralistic society. America's Catholics have made, and continue to make, an excellent contribution to the life of their country. As I begin my visit, I trust that my presence will be a source of renewal and hope for the Church in the United States, and strengthen the resolve of Catholics to contribute ever more responsibly to the life of this nation, of which they are proud to be citizens.

From the dawn of the Republic, America's quest for freedom has been guided by the conviction that **the principles governing political and social life are intimately linked to a moral order** based on the dominion of God the Creator. The framers of this nation's founding documents drew upon this conviction when they proclaimed the "self-evident truth" that all men are created equal and endowed with inalienable rights grounded in the laws of nature and

of nature's God. The course of American history demonstrates the difficulties, the struggles, and the great intellectual and moral resolve which were demanded to **shape a society which faithfully embodied these noble principles**. In that process, which forged the soul of the nation, religious beliefs were a constant inspiration and driving force, as for example in the struggle against slavery and in the civil rights movement. ...

Freedom is not only a gift, but also a summons to personal responsibility. Americans know this from experience — almost every town in this country has its monuments honoring those who sacrificed their lives in defense of freedom, both at home and abroad. The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate. It also demands **the**

courage to engage in civic life and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate.

In a word, freedom is ever new. It is a challenge held out to each generation, and it must constantly be won over for the cause of good. ...

The Church, for her part, wishes to contribute to building a world ever more worthy of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God. She is convinced that **faith sheds new light on all things**, and that the Gospel reveals the noble vocation and sublime destiny of every man and woman. **Faith also gives us the strength** to respond to our high calling, **and the hope** that

inspires us to work for an ever more just and fraternal society. **Democracy can only flourish**, as your founding fathers realized, when political leaders and those whom they represent are **guided by truth and bring the wisdom born of firm moral principle** to decisions affecting the life and future of the nation.

... Mr. President, dear friends: ... I express once more my gratitude for your invitation, my joy to be in your midst, and my fervent prayers that Almighty God will confirm this nation and its people in the ways of justice, prosperity and peace. **God bless America!**

Events on Sunday (Central time):

8:30 a.m. Visit to 9/11 Ground Zero
1:30 p.m. Yankee Stadium Mass
7 p.m. Flight departs for Rome

Congratulations to our 2nd graders and other children in our school and CCD program for receiving for the first time the **Sacrament of Confession** this past Monday. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers as they approach the highest of Sacraments next month: Holy Communion.

First Velika Gospa meeting rescheduled:

The new meeting date for planning our 102nd Velika Gospa celebration is **this Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Small Hall behind the Church. Those who were involved in planning before, please come, as well as those who wish to get involved in helping organize the August 15th celebration. Thank you!

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!

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

St. Jerome's Marian Society has a retreat on May 3. Please call to reserve your place as soon as possible so that the Society may order a bus and make proper reservations. Also, remember to pay your Society dues. For all matters, call Kata Kasic at 773-667-2377 or call the Rectory.

St. Jerome's Book Club meets Wednesday, May 14, so begin reading the following two items:

- the novel "Kite Runner," and
- the first chapter of the great spiritual classic: "The Confessions of St. Augustine." Free used copies of *Confessions* are available from Julie at 312-791-1389



Please pray for Ted Haptas, age 88, who was buried from our church this past week. Please also remember in your prayers those who mourn for him — his wife, Margaret; their children Midge, Richard, Christine and Larry; their 7 grandchildren; their 2 great-grandchildren; Ted's sister, Jane Haptas, and all their relatives and friends. Ted's son Larry teaches music at St. Jerome's and plays the organ for the English Masses here, and so St. Jerome Parish as a whole is grateful in a special way to Ted. *May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.*

ATTENTION GOLFERS:

St. Jerome 1st Annual Golf Outing
is **Monday, June 30, 2008**,
with a Shotgun start
at Silver Lakes Country Club,
14750 S. 82nd 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:
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Next Sunday, April 27th.