

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, April 23, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Nick Botica	Vi Botica
Michael Brcich	Josie Hanson
Mary Ann Flynn	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Dolores Montesano	Anthony Pesce

Tuesday – Utorak, April 24, 2007

7:30 a.m. Ana Vidović	Ante Šipić
Jocko Becich	Deb & Mickey LoCoco
Janja Puljić	Borko Puljić family
Michael Brcich	Marasovich family
In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje	N.N.

Wednesday – Srijeda, April 25, 2007

7:30 a.m. Nino Ujcic	Maria Diacci
Michael Brcich	S. Šego family
Vic & Mary Fire	Jim & Mary Ann Saracco
Rosario & Maria Scalise	daughter
Lucy Auld	Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday – Četvrtak, April 26, 2007

7:30 a.m. Concetta DeGrazia	Charles Scalfaro
Jocko Becich	Ellen O'Donnell
Mike Brcich	Peter & JoAnn Peso
Na čast Gospe Sinjske	Ivan i Iva Maroš

Friday – Petak, April 27, 2007

7:30 a.m. Margaret Marcello	family
Vivian Sexton	Giggie Cortese
Šime Perković	supruga sa djecom
Michael Brcich	Marcello family
Na čast Majke Terezija	ob. Bešlić

Saturday – Subota, April 28, 2007

7:30 a.m. Michael Brcich	Albina Marasovich
Sr. M. Bernardine Condich	Lorraine Scumaci
Ann Sexauer	Josephine Hanson
Tim Currier (God's blessings)	Jon Weber

5:30 p.m. Mike Iozzo	Iozzo family
Connie Fratto	Joe & Lucy Ciaccio
Ivan Babić	Valerie Babić
Rosemary Mavigliano	Angie Szatkowski
John Roscich	family
Eva Butera	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Helen Rose Olson	granddaughter
Na nakanu	Henrik Solina

Sunday – Nedjelja, April 29, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić	Duško
Mary Hardt	Kevin & Julie Pesce Marcus
Charles Knetl	Josephine Hanson
Theresa Sobocan	Chris & Matt Pesce

9:30 a.m. Barry Babich	Judith & William Babich
Sr. M. Bernardine Condich	Vera Bozich
Rosemary Mavigliano	Dorothy LaMonica
"Gram Lady"	Jessica & Nicholas
Zorka Kern (God's blessings and health)	Eva & Ann

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ivan i Anđa Tokić	ob. Tokić
Bessie Rodich	ob. Rodich
Marin Turčinović	M&M Romanović
Luka Mišetić	Ivan Mišetić i ob.
Ana Vidović	Marko i Marija Knezović
Stipe Pervan	M/M Ivica Penavić
Dobra i Jozo Balich	kći Julie Paljetak
Mate i Dragojka Badrov	ob. Pave Badrov
Dragica Gavran	Dragica Karačić
Josip Joko Lišnić	ob. Stipe Tokić
Grgo i Milica Bilonić	kći Milenka s ob.
Ante Voloder	ob. Stipe Tokić
Šime i Marija Popović	unuka Milka Lišnić i ob.
Dražen Jukić	ob. Jukić
Petar i Mariča Becich (84 th anniv. of wedd.)	dgughters
Pok. iz ob. Škaro	David i Katica Škaro
Pok. iz ob. M & T Čondić	sin
Za Hrvatske branitelje	Križa Ostojić i ob.

LECTORS

Sat., April 28, 5:30 p.m. Robert Bazan
Sun., April 29, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich
Sun., April 29, 9:30 a.m. Giggie Cortese
Sun., April 29, 11:00 a.m. Mara Kosir, Tihana Jurković, Kristiana Jurković

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat., Apr. 28, 5:30 p.m. Insalaco, Passi, Racinowski, M. Rubio, Wilkie
Sun., Apr. 29, 7:30 a.m. Iglesias, Meo
Sun., Apr. 29, 9:30 a.m. Nowacki, Rudmin, Wroblewski
Sun., Apr. 29, 11:00 a.m. T. Kikaš, D. Bajić, CJ Bušljeta, M. Golub, S. Adjaip, A. Kosić

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

John Zelic & Karen Sullivan (II)
 Tin Penavić & Leslie Alba (II)

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 — Third Sunday of Easter

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells of the opposition the apostles encountered from some Jewish authorities. The apostles came out of it with great credit, especially Peter. It's good to recall that this is the same man who, a short time before this, denied Jesus three times. Now he stood his ground and courageously bore witness for Jesus. He suffered for that stand. He and his apostles suffered, but they were glad to do so for the sake of Jesus.

From where did Peter get his newfound courage? From the Holy Spirit, and from the support of his fellow apostles.

We too are disciples, followers of Jesus. He wants us to bear witness to him in the world today. Few of us will be called upon to suffer what the apostles endured, but we may have to face something almost as challenging—the deadly neglect and indifference of our fellow citizens toward Jesus.

We can't predict where our Chris-

tian vocation will take us, or what sacrifice it may demand from us. If we could see that, perhaps our hearts would grow faint and courage would fail us.

In that respect we are like Peter. When he first responded to the call of Jesus, he had no idea that it would lead him to martyrdom. But whatever the Christian vocation demands of us will be returned a hundredfold. All vocations are vocations to love—love of God and love of our neighbor.

WISDOM'S CORNER

For the Lord

In March 1983 the Russian poet, Irina Ratushinskaya, was sentenced to seven years hard labor and five years internal exile. Her crime was writing poetry, the type of poetry of which communist authorities did not approve. In prison she suffered beating, forced feeding, and solitary confinement in freezing conditions. She developed serious health problems, yet she continued to write poems, smuggling them out on scraps of paper via sympathetic guards and visitors.

Her Christian faith was vital to her survival. She says: "When you are in trouble, under pressure, God always seems closer. God was like a hand on my shoulder in the prison camp. My faith also taught me how to prevent my psychological life from being damaged by hatred and bitterness. The experience has taught me a lot about the enormous capacity of the human spirit to be happy in spite of any circumstance."

Faith in God, hope in God and love for God build up our heart, mind and strength — which in turn make possible truly extraordinary acts of human love and courage.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"God does not ask your ability or your inability.
He asks only your availability."

What it takes

It takes strength to be certain.
It takes courage to ask good questions.

It takes strength to fit in.
It takes courage to stand out.

It takes strength to share a friend's pain.
It takes courage to feel your own pain.

It takes strength to hide your own pain.
It takes courage to let down your guard.

It takes strength to conquer.
It takes courage to surrender to God.

It takes strength to endure difficulties.
It takes courage to prevent them.

It takes strength to stand alone.
It takes courage to lean on a friend.

It takes strength to love.
It takes courage to be loved.

It takes strength to survive.
It takes courage to live in Christ.

Bishop Gustavo to confirm our students & 2 adults next Saturday!

St. Jerome Parish's young people and two adults will be confirmed by Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., at the **5:30 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday**, April 28.

This great outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit will help those being confirmed (when they fully open their hearts to being confirmed) and we look forward to their witnessing for the Faith and helping those in need, including those in our parish community.

To prepare practically and spiritually for the Confirmation Mass, there will be a **Thursday rehearsal at 7 p.m.** in the church for all participants in the Mass—parents, sponsors and of course the confirmands.

Confirmation rehearsal is important, but so is spiritual preparation by means of **Sacramental Confession**, in order to ensure being in a state of grace when the Sacrament of Confirmation is received. Several priests will be available to the confirmands and sponsors for confessions after the rehearsal.

Because of the Confirmation rehearsal and Confessions, **there will be no Thursday Night Holy Hour this week.** Holy Hour resumes next week.

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.*

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).

Sharing Meals: The Parish Council would like to start a group that would provide meals to families after the death of a loved one and to families going through extensive medical treatments. If enough people are willing to provide the occasional dinner, it would be a couple times a year for each person. The meals could be home made or a carryout. Anyone interested in joining us, please sign up on the sheet in the entrance area.

THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 p.m.:

St. Jerome speaker to share how to heal from tragedies, including abortion

Ms. Yvonne Florczak-Seeman will give a presentation on Wednesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m., about journeying to spiritual and psychological healing after personal tragedies. She will speak in our Small Hall (behind the church). This brave woman suffered an abusive situation in her youth, which led to choices she regrets, including abortion. She now lectures nationwide and through her web site www.lovefromaboveinc.com has helped many come to healing from similar situations that have taken hidden tolls on their lives.

This lecture is the second in a series of talks being held in honor of St. Jerome's 95th anniversary of its founding in 1912. Admission is free. All are welcome!

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders! This Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. our 2nd Graders will take an important step toward next month's First Communion: they will experience their First Confession!

May God help them open their hearts to the power of the Sacrament of Confession, which not only forgives the sins we're sorry for, but also gives us supernatural strength in the future to avoid those sins. We just have to cooperate with God's grace!

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of Saturday afternoon's "Four Stepinac" concert at the Illinois Institute of Technology's Hermann Auditorium. Thanks be to God for the concertgoers, concert performers and in a special way for the extraordinary labor of love by the Croatian School parents behind it all!