

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, April 28, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Bessie Rodich ob. Rodić
 Scully Scalise Bonnie DiCaro
 Joe & Rose Marzullo Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Ivan Babić Valeria Babić
 Thompson & Iozzo families Iozzo family

Tuesday – Utorak, April 29, 2008

7:30 a.m. Marin Turčinović M&M Romanović
 Rose Capinegro Marion
 Bernadine Spretnjak-Savage Laura & John Perseghin
 Edward Drozd Eleanore Drozd
 Augustin Rodich ob. Stipe Tokić

Wednesday – Srijeda, April 30, 2008

7:30 a.m. Luka Grlich John Tiardovich
 Mary Harzich Carol Bradac (Radman)
 Gus Rodich Marian Segvich
 Dolly Basso Josie Demma
 Luka Mišetić ob. Ivan i Iva Mišetić

Thursday – Četvrtak, May 1, 2008

7:30 a.m. Joe Cubelic family
 Jeanne Zekich Bob, Kathy & Bobby Cannatello
 Angie Modrich Jacob Modrich
 John Catezone Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Na čast Gospe ob. Čosić

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

Friday – Petak, May 2, 2008

7:30 a.m. Joe Sperando family
 Catherine Bellavia family
 Fra Marko Kozina ob. Zlate Dugandžić
 Jean Zekich Marian Segvich
 Toddy Wantroba Jugerettes

Saturday – Subota, May 3, 2008
Feast of Sts. Philip and James, apostles

7:30 a.m. Jean Zekich Peter & Connie Polacek
 Tonka & Scully Scalise Perisin grandchildren
 Dolly Basso Peter & JoAnn Peso
 Angie Battaglia Catherine & Nick Perisin

5:30 p.m. Luce Bajamić ob. Rodić
 Frank Szatkowski Dorothy & Mike Corich
 Millie Trovato daughter & family
 Anthony & Mildred LoCoco daughter-in-law
 Scully Scalise Cannatello family
 Dolly Basso Mike & Joann Passarelli

Sunday – Nedjelja, May 4, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Jean Zekich N.N.
 Fred (Cermak) Roti Carmen & Carmella Catizone fam.
 Danica Pavela Luanne & Frank Munizzi

9:30 a.m. Bud Alfirevich (10th Anniv.) Toni & family
 Maria & Joe Tadeo Majić family
 Mary Harzich Anđelka Vidović
 John & Nellie DeGregorio family
 Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich Bruno & Gael Bertucci
 Carmen, Carmella, Tommy LaPapa daughter
 Peter Perisin wife & family
 Dolly Basso Mark Gusich
 Health of Allen Govic Drury Lane

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić Jozo Lukin
 Marta Bulić Josip i Kata Bajzec
 Vlado Vujević ob. Duško Kraljević
 Štefa Šego Louis & Mary Scalise family
 Niko i Kata Šesto Pave i Anica Badrov
 Benko Penavić Tomo Mandić
 Gus Rodich Dorothy LaMonica i ob.
 Vice Mišura Milenka Bilonić
 Rina Matković ob. Marko Knezovic
 Slavica Blažević ob. Blažević
 Branko Jurković Pero Erceg
 Scully Scalise Zorica Matković
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. iz ob. Lončar ob. Ante i Anica Lončar
 Pok. iz ob. Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić

LECTORS

Sat., May 3, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli
 Sun., May 4, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi
 Sun., May 4, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
 Sun., May 4, 11 a.m. Josip Novak, Antonia
 Jurković, Petra Mamić

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., May 3, 5:30 p.m. A.&R. Insalaco, Mossman
 Sun., May 4, 7:30 a.m. C.&S. Garcia
 Sun., May 4, 9:30 a.m. Balazs, Passi, Wroblewski
 Sun., May 4, 11:00 a.m. A. Rogić, A. Šusnjara, I.
 Babić, A. Puljić, A. Barun
 Sun., May 4, 1:30 p.m. LoCoco, Olague, Rudmin

For Rent: ► Apt at 2701 Princeton. Spacious, 2nd 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

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

One of the things Christ said to his apostles before he was crucified, "If you love me, keep my commandments." We are not talking about simply keeping a specific set of rules — it is about following his way of life. One wouldn't be much of a Christian if one didn't try to live as Jesus taught.

But we must be clear about one thing. We don't keep his commandments so that *he will love us*; we keep them *because he loves us*. God loves

us not because *we are good*, but because *God is good*. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. God's love for us is Good News that God wants us to know. We respond to that love by trying to follow Jesus' way of life.

When Jesus told his disciples that he would be leaving them, he also assured them that they would not be unsupported and unguided as they



might have feared. He promised to remain with them always through the Holy Spirit, and to return at the Second Coming. The apostles knew that Jesus loved them. We know that Jesus loves us too.

There is no mistaking his love. But do we love him back through our thoughts and deeds?

At Yankee Stadium, in last Mass of U.S. trip, Pope seeks to renew our faith & trust in Jesus, the Way, Truth & Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel we have just heard, Jesus tells his Apostles to put their faith in him, for he is "the way, and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). Christ is the way that leads to the Father, the truth which gives meaning to human existence, and the source of that life which is eternal joy with all the saints in his heavenly Kingdom. Let us take the Lord at his word! Let us renew our faith in him and put all our hope in his promises! ...

"Authority." "Obedience." To be frank, these are not easy words to speak nowadays. Words like these represent a "stumbling stone" for many of our contemporaries, especially in a society which rightly places a high value on personal freedom. Yet, in the light of our faith in Jesus Christ — "the way and the truth and the life" — we come to see the fullest meaning, value, and indeed beauty, of those words. The Gospel teaches us that true freedom, the freedom of the children of God, is found only in the self-surrender which is part of the mystery of love. Only by losing ourselves, the Lord tells us, do we truly find ourselves (cf. Lk 17:33). **True freedom blossoms when we turn**



away from the burden of sin, which clouds our perceptions and weakens our resolve, and find the source of our ultimate happiness in him who is infinite love, infinite freedom, infinite life. "In his will is our peace."

Real freedom, then, is God's gracious gift, the fruit of conversion to his truth, the truth which makes us free (cf. Jn 8:32). And this freedom in truth brings in its wake a new and liberating way of seeing reality. When we put on "the mind of Christ" (cf. Phil 2:5), new horizons open before us! In the light of faith, within the communion of the Church, we also find the inspiration and strength to become a leaven of the Gospel in the world. We become the light of the world, the salt of

the earth (cf. Mt 5:13-14), entrusted with the "apostolate" of making our own lives, and the world in which we live, conform ever more fully to God's saving plan. ...

Yesterday, not far from here, I was moved by the joy, the hope and the generous love of Christ which I saw on the faces of the many young people assembled in Dunwoodie. **They are the Church's future, and they deserve all the prayer and support that you can give them.** And so I wish to close by adding a special word of encouragement to them. My dear young friends, like the seven men, "filled with the Spirit and wisdom" whom the Apostles charged with care for the young Church, may you step forward and take up the responsibility which your faith in Christ sets before you! May you find the courage to proclaim Christ, "the same, yesterday, and today and for ever" and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world — including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb. ...

"Happy are you who believe!" (cf. 1 Pet 2:7). **Let us turn to Jesus! He alone is the way that leads to eternal happiness, the truth who satisfies the deepest longings of every heart, and the life who brings ever new joy and hope, to us and to our world. Amen.**



Dear Friends!

Many of us at some point in our lives have struggled with the question, "Why go to Mass?"

This question arises especially when, for one reason or another, we don't really feel like going to Mass. Maybe the music or the homilies aren't attractive enough. Perhaps a person isn't connecting with the Mass at a deep enough level. The Mass is all about giving our thanksgiving to God — maybe we've forgotten the good gifts God has given us, or taken those gifts for granted. Perhaps we don't feel thankful because the church community doesn't feel welcoming enough. Maybe every week a new reason arises to justify skipping the giving thanks to God in the powerful prayer of the Mass.

All the above reasons are negative in orientation. Negative thinking is powerful, and even when we know that going to Mass is an absolutely good thing, allowing our focus to be negative can talk us out of going to Mass. Skipping at first brings guilt. But rationalizations of busy-ness, tiredness, boredom, etc., eventually deaden that guilt. But what if we try thinking *positively*? More on that ... next week.

Fr. Joe

Baptism

Our parish welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Elin Marie Eiseman,

daughter of Tom & Nancy (nee Badrov) Eiseman, and Goddaughter of Jeanette Badrov and Michael Knisley. Congratulations to her family and friends, and may God bless little Elin Marie!



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

These are difficult times for mortgages & 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!

This Sunday, April 27, 12:15 p.m. in Upper Small Hall

St. Jerome's Marian Society has a retreat on May 3. Please call to reserve your place as soon as possible: Kata Kotic at 773-667-2377 or call the Rectory.

First Communion Mass, Sunday, May 4, 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate 'May Crowning,' Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.

CROATIAN CULTURAL EVENTS — May 8 to May 11 ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday, May 8, Opening of Croatian Lighthouse Art Exhibition, at 5:00 p.m., in the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Suite 112

Friday, May 9, Croatian-American Day on Daley Plaza, see the **Croatian Cultural Program (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)** with St. Jerome's Club Stepinac, the Sacred Heart Kolo Group, the Croatian Cultural Center's Croatian Vines group, and Special Musical Guests, Klapa Grdelin. Also Food, Pastries, Art and Tourist Information (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) Daley Plaza (50 W. Washington St.)

Saturday, May 10, Presentation by Prof. Ivo Šoljan "Five Centuries of Croatian Poetry Inspired by the Croatian Adriatic Sea," 6:00 p.m., in St. Jerome's Small Hall.

Sunday, May 11, Concert in downtown's Chicago Cultural Center, by the musical group Klapa Grdelin, 6:00 p.m., in the Cassidy Theater, 78 E. Washington St.

For more information, please call 312-482-9902.

Our 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.

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!

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: Denise Bertucci (312) 636-8551 or Leslie Kish (312) 907-0240. **Have fun while supporting our parish school!**

Rosaries for the Unborn: Join thousands of people praying the Rosary nationwide this Saturday, May 3, **from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Central Time**, for the intention "for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies."