

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 31, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Mike Bricich wife Ann
Ana Vrdoljak Cathy & Andrew
Jago Soldo family

6:00 p.m. Maria Gazzi Gazzi family

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 1, 2008
Solemnity of the Mother of God**

7:30 a.m. Ann LaScola Mike & Jo Ann Passarelli

9:30 a.m. Deceased of Peso family family
Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich Cookie & Ann

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Tome i Marta Bulić Josip i Kata Bajzec
Josip i Ana Bajzec ob. Josip i Kata Bajzec
Josip Lišnić Josip i Kata Bajzec
Iva Šušnjara sin Anđelko i ob.
Ante, Franjo i Iva Kraljević ob. Vlado Kraljević
Robert Jurlina Jurlina family

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 2, 2008

7:30 a.m. Ann Stefanovski Joe & El Grzetich
Donna Byers Carol & Frano Marasovich
Paul (Web) DiCaro Mike & Jo Ann Passarelli

Thursday – Četvrtak, January 3, 2008

7:30 a.m. Carol Ann Herrera husband & mother
Frank & Connie Fratto Mary
Richard LaScola Mike & Jo Ann Passarelli

Friday – Petak, January 4, 2008

7:30 a.m. Marty Miloslavich Mike & Jo Ann Passarelli
Nikola & Ante Badrov ob. Nevenka Badrov
Na nakanu ob. Ivezic

Saturday – Subota, January 5, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mary Harzich Catherine & Nick Perisin
Na nakanu Ivanka Šušnjara

5:30 p.m. Frank Szatkowski Horwath family
Angelique Rubio, Frank Bologna Linda
Mara Šušnjara Dujo Šušnjara family
Williamae Versetto George Ferro & family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 6, 2008
Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić N.N.

9:30 a.m. Diane Bozich Cathy Amato
Martin Miloslavich St. Jerome girls volleyball team
Mary Harzich ONIAC Women's Alliance
Filip Majić Majić family
Carol Ann Herrera husband & mother
All holy souls in purgatory John Bogovic

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ivan Štimac Ankica i Dragan Uremović
Josip Lišnić Ljubo Draženović i ob.
Kata Draženović Kata Nikšić
Ivan i Stana Marić ob. Rodić
Stipe Brajković Josip i Kata Bajzec
Tomislav Šipić ob. Stipe Tokić
Milka Grašić John i Sofija Pastuovich
Mara Šušnjara Iva Šipić
Ivica Pleš ob. Kata Žignić
Iva Knezović Napredak
Katica Jazvo Napredak
Vlatko Čuvalo Napredak
Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško
Pok. iz ob. Karačić i Čuvalo ob. Ante i Anica Lončar

12:45 p.m. Dec. of Jack & Carmella Ruggiero family

Lectors

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. Mary Fratto, Joseph Magyar

New Year's Day 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce, Rosemary Bricich

Jan. 1, 9:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi, Mary Vujic
Sat., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 6, 7:30 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 6, 11:00 a.m. Petar Dušević, Anita Kosir, Darko Grgić

Altar Servers

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. Ferro, C. Garcia, Racinowski

New Year's Day 7:30 a.m. Mangan, Passi

New Year's Day 9:30 a.m. LoCoco, Rudmin, Wroblewski

Sat., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m. C. Garcia, S. Garcia, Racinowski

Sun., Jan. 6, 7:30 a.m. Ferro, LoCoco

Sun., Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, Olague, Perseghin

Sun., Jan. 6, 11:00 a.m. Ante Kraljević, A. Kosić, A. Puljić, T. Čuvalo, S. Ivezic, Adriana Kraljevic

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph serves as a model for us. They, too, didn't have it easy. As homeless refugees, the Holy Family shared the fate of the many uprooted and displaced families in our world today. Yet, with their deep faith in God and love for one another, they stayed together and came through it.

The family is very fragile today. In



It was in living in a small community of love with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth that Jesus grew in wisdom.

Harmony in the family can be

our society, families are under a lot of pressure. It is not that we no longer value the family. It is that we are less prepared for the disciplines that make it work. The family is built on bonds of commitment, fidelity, and self-sacrifice.

achieved only by the practice of the virtues that St. Paul talks about in today's second reading: heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, mutual forgiveness, and above all, love. These are the virtues that build and foster community.

In the little community of our own family, we have a place, we have bonds, we have an identity, we have roots, and we are loved. The family is God's design. He is the architect of every family.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Building a family

The neighbor watched as a family built a log home next to her house in the mountains. The home was a "kit house"—all of the logs arrived pre-cut and pre-notched, along with roof beams and boxes of doors and windows. The family worked one weekend just sorting and stacking logs. Then two weeks later they returned to begin construction, consulting the instructions frequently to make sure they were placing each log in its proper position. The building took several months of weekend work.

Eventually, the weekend arrived when the support beams were positioned for the roof and the roof could be put on. Another weekend, the windows were inserted and doors hung. After six months, the family was finally ready to finish the interior and furnish their mountain home.

The neighbor noticed two things about the family members at work. First, they didn't hurry. They had a goal and instructions, and they were content to let the home take shape over time. Second, they truly enjoyed the process of working together to build something they could share. Many times she heard their laughter.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"One of the best gifts of the Christmas season is the presence of a family all wrapped up with one another in acts of love."

HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR 2008 !!!

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).

Young Francis's troubled family life (a continuation)

In 1205, at the age of 24, young Francis had gotten into big trouble with his father, Pietro Bernadone, who punished Francis for selling without permission a horse and drapery belonging to the father. Francis's intentions were good — to raise money in order to obey God's miraculous command to him to "repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin." But Francis's impulsive behavior of selling his father's goods led the father to drag him home, beat him, bind him and lock him in a dark closet. Francis's mother, Pica, freed him during his father's absence, and Francis returned at once to the chapel he was striving to repair, where he found a shelter with the officiating priest. But Francis's father tried to pressure Francis by monetary means. First, he demanded and got the money raised by Francis through his unauthorized sale of the horse and drapery. Then Pietro raised the pressure by moving to officially disinherit Francis.

Whether the father's move was a bluff or not, Francis was only too eager to be disinherited. First, Francis declared that since he had entered the service of God he was no longer under civil jurisdiction. So the father and Francis went before Assisi's bishop. Francis suddenly stripped himself of the very clothes he wore, and gave them to his father, saying: "Hitherto I have called you my father on earth; henceforth I desire to say only 'Our Father who art in Heaven.'" Then

and there, Francis embraced holy poverty, totally surrendering all worldly goods, honors, and privileges. Sensing that Francis was not crazy, but rather had good motivations, the bishop had his servants provide Francis with an old tunic to wear. ...



Inheritance renounced

(To be continued...)



BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome into our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism

Katherine Milena Badrov,

daughter of Michael and Mary Elizabeth (nee Wagner) Badrov, and the God-daughter of Pavo and Marija Badrov.

Congratulations to the family and friends, and through the intercession of Saint Katherine, may God bless little Katherine.



BRIDGEPORT CHORAL SOCIETY:

On the 12th Day of Christmas, Sunday,

Jan. 6, 2008, make a date at St. Jerome's Church for beautiful music with the Bridgeport Choral Society. The Epiphany Concert starts at 4 p.m.



SUPER BINGO is coming to St. Jerome's Tuesday, Jan. 8!

Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in our parish hall for a SUPER BINGO. Come out that evening and have some fun. We need your support! For more information, call the rectory.

Welcome 2008



in the friendly atmosphere of St. Jerome's New Year's Eve Celebration, organized by the parents of the Croatian School. Tickets are on sale: \$50.00 for adults, \$10.00 / \$25.00 for children. Mario & the band "Bravo" will provide the music.



Thank you

We want to express our deep appreciation for your generosity to our parish this Christmas. We will soon report the final Christmas donations total — a few donations are still coming in. Christmas at St. Jerome's was a unique community event again this year, and it occurred due to the generous volunteering of time and talent by our parishioners. Thanks be to God for such a parish!

Thank you for your gifts to the priests. The freshly baked cookies and other gifts and cards this Christmas to Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan are much appreciated! May God bless you all for your generosity! May you have a good 2008!

Looking for a good carpenter? If your family or business is in need of a good carpenter, please call the rectory for more information.



The DVD filmed at St. Jerome's by Tatiana is now available

In Advent 2006, the internationally acclaimed singer Tatiana, also known as Tajči, came to her much beloved St. Jerome's parish and recorded her Christmas Story DVD, amidst a lot of sophisticated lights and cameras. Her Christmas DVD is now available (with a bonus CD for your CD players) for \$29.95 on her website's store:

www.idobelieve.com/music_store_specials.shtml

A limited supply of these copies of her St. Jerome performance are now available after the Masses. This DVD is superbly professional, and, as we who were there know, she sang her heart out at St. Jerome's that night.

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**KRSTENI/BAPTIZED
at St. Jerome's
in 2007**

Maya Franjka Kussy – Jan. 13
Nicholas Zlatko Kussy – Jan. 13
Michael Angelo Russo – Jan. 14
Alexander Vincent Capic – Jan. 20
Grace Ann Zielinski – Feb. 18
Isabella Marie Caputo – Feb. 18
Abby Marie Keller – Feb. 25
Luka Ivic – March 4
Isabela Antoinette Rodriguez –
March 25
Sasha Gianna Ortiz – April 15
Antonio Luka Bumbaris – April 29
Dominic Salvatore Leodoro III – April
29
Dominic James Rotto Jr. – May 5
Darko Juric – May 27
Luka Gabriel Sentic – June 24

Hailey Diana Link – June 24
Alana Marusic – July 1
Luka Cimaroli Luburic – July 8
Luka Stipe Pervan – July 8
Benjamin Frano Marasovich – July
14
Josip Marijan Covic – July 28
Nikolina Mara Grlica – Aug. 25
Isabella Judith Pervan – Sept. 15
Joseph Catezone – Sept. 16
Abigail Margaret Sedevic – Sept. 22
Ivan Ante Markotic – Sept. 23
Madison Michele Miocic – Oct. 7
Tomislav Juric – Oct. 10
Ivan Klaric – Oct. 14
Kate Elizabeth Luce – Oct. 27
Ivan Roko Kovacevic – Nov. 10
Roman Edward Vucinic – Nov. 10
Luka Sime Dusevic – Nov. 11
Martina Pehar – Nov. 25
Noah Luka Kevo – Dec. 9
Olivia Noelle Scalfaro – Dec. 9
Josip Arsen Kresimir Paraga – Dec.
16
Daniel Ivan Mulac – Dec. 16
Katherine Milena Badrov – Dec. 30

***WELCOME TO
OUR PARISH!***

VJENČANI/MARRIED at St. Jerome in 2007

Miro Dreznjak & Jadranka Rogic
– January 6
Stijepan Miocic & Zeljka Jovic
– April 14
Gerald T. Cargill & Anna M. Blazevic
– April 21
John Peter Zelic & Karen M.
Sullivan – April 28
Hrvoslav Tin Penavic & Leslie C.
Alba – May 5
Michael F. Schury & Jennifer A.
Lisnich – May 12
John Crnkovic & Milenka Pervan
– May 19
Leonard Casa & Dawn Mangione
– June 22
Joseph A. Gutierrez & Gianna
Fasula – June 24
Franjo Zovko & Annette Sumera
– June 30
Sergio Aguilar & Sara Cuevas
– July 14
Paul Michael Natale & Emily T.
Uremovic – Sept. 1
Steven Znika & Marina Barun
– Sept. 8
Ryan Dragon & Allison Gronkowski
– Sept. 22
Michael C. Balestri & Stacy
Senerchia – Sept. 29
Zeljko Ivelic & Nicole Poustka
– Oct. 20
Tomislav Jovic & Ivana Miocic –
Oct. 27

CONGRATULATIONS!



MEMORIAM

POKOPANI/BURIED from St. Jerome in 2007

Michael Bricich (82) passed away Dec. 31, '06
Mildred Kubach (nee Prkovic) (85) Jan. 2
Frank A. Sipich (89) Jan. 4
Joseph J. Paradiso (81) Jan. 5
Josephine Verdi (nee Fresso) (70) Jan. 6
Concetta DeGrazia (nee Contavespi) (91) Jan. 13
Dorothy A. Rogulich (84) Jan. 31
Williamae Versetto (76) Feb. 10
Carol A. Herrera (64) Feb. 12
Charles Knetl (95) Feb. 18
Eva A. Butera (83) Feb. 23
Eva Simack (nee Sabic) (83) Feb. 19
Nicholas Savage (originally Sabic) (81) Jul. 6, '06
Mary Iser (93) Mar. 11
Jeannette Bais (64) Mar. 13
Christine Bajic Overholser (78) Mar. 16
Theresa Sobocan (82) Mar. 24
Phyllis Rogulich (80) Mar. 25
Rosemary T. Kozlar (77) Apr. 6
Eleanore Caputo (82) Apr. 14
Carlos G. Iglesias Jr. (62) Apr. 21
Pero Padjen (56) May 22
Mary A. Vuckovich (89) May 26
Ann Marie Ruffo (65) June 6
Donna M. Byers (60) June 6
Theresa A. Link (28) June 23
Yvonne M. Capinegro (77) July 5
Margaret Sedevic (86) July 9
Mary Ruglio (nee Sipic) (90) July 11
Pauline Burns (nee Rogulich) (89) July 22
Paul J. DiCaro Sr. (74) July 25
Salvatore "Sam" Aievoli (86) July 29
Katarina Drazenovic (71) Aug. 20
Carol Bozinovich (57) Aug. 25
Anthony L. "Red" Marcello (82) Oct. 13
Martin P. Miloslavich (73) Nov. 10
Marija Mary Harzich (102) Nov. 19

May they rest in God's peace.