

MASS INTENTIONS**New Year's Eve Mass at 6 p.m.**

Maria Gazzi (25th Anniversary) Gazzi family

Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 1, 2007
Solemnity of the Mother of God

7:30 a.m. For parishioners, living and deceased

9:30 a.m. Frank Bologna Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Deceased of Pešo family family
 Herb Strauss (for health & God's blessings) Jon Weber

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Robert Jurlina ob. Jurlina
 Marija Vranjković Marija Sipich

Tuesday – Utorak, January 2, 2007

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović Mile i Dragica Uremović
 Connie Fratto Matt & Chris Pesce
 John Kotarac Kotarac family

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 3, 2007

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović Mr. & Mrs. Barun
 Toni Mucenski Mary & Louis Scalise
 Frank & Connie Fratto Mary
 Mike Sablich Joe & El Grzetich

Thursday – Četvrtak, January 4, 2007

7:30 a.m. Ted Rembalkowski Margie Ostojić
 Ante i Nikola Badrov Nevenka Badrov
 Jerome Popovich Mrs. Phyllis Pinotti & family
 Nancy Jakubin Mary Jakubin
 Božica Parać Mary Jakubin

Friday – Petak, January 5, 2007

7:30 a.m. Mary Pesce Ann Sutera
 Kreso Lončar Mr. & Mrs. Ivica Penavić
 U zahvalu Iva i Josip Prsa
 Rafael Rogić Mary Jakubin

Saturday – Subota, January 6, 2007

7:30 a.m. Mary Pesce Mary Vujic
 Anton Bon Albina Pauletić
 Iva Erkapić obitelj Tomislava Erkapić

5:30 p.m. Ana i Stipe Botica N.N.
 Mary O'Shea Beverlee & Russell Pullano
 Barry Babich Juliana Perisin
 Rose & Michael Iozzo Terri & Sam Babich

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 7, 2007
Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Sr. Mary Bernardine Čondić Cathy Amato
 Janette & James Lurgio family

9:30 a.m. Joann Harris
 Peter Trumblay Sr.
 Ed Sexton
 Mary Basso

Rosemarie Sestito
 Gene & Lynn Gazzi
 Toni Zaninovich
 Marcello family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ante Rodić ob. Rodich
 Kathy Uremović Šime i Ruža Hrvojević
 Marko Tomljenić Iva i Josip Prša
 Ted Rembalkowski Margie Ostojić
 Steven Brajković Stanko i Mara Šušnjara
 Iva Šipić Mara Šušnjara
 Anton Mora Anica Ostojić
 Blažkan Bilonić ob. Filipović
 Ana Vidović ob. Kikaš
 Pok. iz ob. M & T Čondić sin
 Pok. iz ob. Majerović ob. Milković
 Pok. iz ob. Milković ob. Milković
 Za Hrvatske borce Križa Ostojić i ob.

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

LECTORS

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. Jan Ferro, Mike Passarelli

New Year's Day 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce

9:30 a.m. Gigi Cortese, Joe Magyar, Jan Zekich

Sat., Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m. Rosemary Brcich

Sun., Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic

Sun., Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. Carl Segvich

Sun., Jan. 7, 11:00 a.m. Milan Zolo, Ana Ivezić, Sanja Budimir

**ALTAR SERVERS**

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. Meo, Perseghin, Racinowski

New Year's Day 7:30 a.m. Ferro, Wilke

9:30 a.m. Iglesias, Olague, Passi

11:00 a.m. K. Kristic, D. Jurkovic, K. Cikoč

Sat., Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m. Ferro, C. Garcia, Kenny

Sun., Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m. Insalaco, Passi

Sun., Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. Meo, Racinowski, Sarkauskas

Sun., Jan. 7, 11:00 a.m. CJ Busljeta, D. Paraga, S. Ivezić

FOR SALE

► 34 units in NW Indiana, best property in town!
 Please call 219-322-8702 for details.

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

FOR RENT

► 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms),
 redecorated. 312-842-6176.

► 3253 Wells, 2½ bdrm aptmt, 1 bath, remodeled 4 yrs,
 new appliances, laundry on premises. 312-388-0357.

► 31st Princeton, 2nd fl., 6 rms, 3 bdrm, central air &
 heat, no pets. 773-582-8255.

► One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Feast of the Holy Family

Jesus had a double identity. He was the son of Mary and the Son of God. We too have a double identity. We are not just children of our parents, but also children of God. We belong to God's family.

It was God who first loved us. There is nothing that we have to do to earn God's love. It is enough that we exist for God to love us. Indeed, the very fact that we exist is a sign of God's love for us. The way we respond to God's love for

us is by obeying his commandments, especially his commandment of love.

In today's Gospel we are told of the incident of losing and finding Jesus in the temple. We see the great love that Mary and Joseph had for Jesus. Afterwards he went home to Nazareth with them and obeyed them, growing in wisdom and grace under their tender care.

Home is the place where we are loved unconditionally, regardless our

strengths and weaknesses. This kind of love enables us to grow as human beings and children of God, with Mary the Mother of God as our mother too.

Mary was the first to hold Jesus when he entered the world, and she beheld him at the end of his earthly life. She was a witness to everything—the birth, the life, the death, the Resurrection. She was there for him at all times. She is here for us at all times.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Life's Cooking Lesson

A young woman was complaining to her father about how difficult her life had become. He said nothing, but took her to the kitchen and set three pans of water to boiling. To the first pan he added carrots; to the second, eggs; and to the third, ground coffee. After all three had cooked, he put their contents into separate bowls and asked his daughter to cut into the eggs and carrots, and smell the coffee. "What does this all mean?" she asked impatiently.

"Each food," he said, "teaches us something about facing adversity, as represented by the boiling water. The carrot went in hard but came out soft and weak. The eggs went in fragile but came out hardened. The coffee, however, changed the water to something better. Which will *you* be like as you face life?" he asked. "Will you give up, become hard, *or* transform adversity into triumph? As the chef of your own life, what will you bring to the table?"

FINAL THOUGHT OF THE YEAR

"A family is a treasure whose worth can't be measured except by the heart."

A resolution to make 2007 a fulfilled year!

- ...mend a long-standing quarrel
- ...seek out a forgotten friend
- ...write a letter expressing your love
- ...share some treasure
- ...give a soft answer when it is good to
- ...encourage youth
- ...keep a promise
- ...find the time
- ...forgive an enemy
- ...listen
- ...apologize
- ...think of someone else first
- ...be kind and gentle
- ...laugh a little
- ...laugh a little more
- ...express your gratitude
- ...gladden the heart of a child
- ...enjoy the beauty and wonder of the earth
- ...speak your love
- ...speak it again
- ...speak it still once again

From Pope Benedict's lips to our ears:

The Vatican recently issued a question-and-answer format book that teaches the truth about Jesus & the Catholic Church.

Question: **How did the first Christian community in Jerusalem pray?**

Answer: **At the beginning of the *Acts of the Apostles* it is written that in the first community of Jerusalem, educated in the life of prayer by the Holy Spirit, the faithful**

"... devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." (Acts 2:42)



Start off in the best way possible the 2,007th Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Special Masses for this special day in honor of Our Lady as Mother of God are set for:

New Year's Eve at 6 p.m. (a Mass of Thanksgiving for 2006), and on

New Year's Day at 7:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

THANK YOU TO KENNY ZEKICH AND LOUIS SCALISE AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE BEAUTIFUL DECORATION OF OUR CHURCH, AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED FOR THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. OUR CHURCH IS TRULY RICH IN EVERY DIMENSION OF BEAUTY—AND ALL IS AIMED AT CELEBRATING JESUS.

BRIDGEPORT CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Continue to let the joy of the Christmas season ring in your ears! Listen as the story of Christmas is told in song on Sunday, January 7, at 4:00 p.m. in our church at a concert organized and performed by the Bridgeport Choral Society. Tickets can be obtained for \$10 at the door, or in advance by calling Rosalie 312-326-1321.

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Epiphany house blessings. It is always good to have a crucifix and blessed candle ready and available at the time of the blessing.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish this Christmas. Christmas donations are still coming in and being compiled. We priests also wish to express our deep gratitude to friends who have personally given gifts to us. *May the openness of your heart to St. Jerome's parish and priests allow much grace from God to flow into your life in 2007!*

Please pick up your household's box of offertory envelopes for 2007. If you do not have envelopes and wish to receive envelopes, or if you are a non-parishioner and wish to register as a parishioner, please contact the Rectory as soon as you can. By the way, these new envelope numbers won't change year to year!



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Our parishioner **Josip Lisnich**, 66, passed away Dec. 23 and was buried from our church Dec. 28. We extend our sympathy to his wife Marija, their children and grandchildren, his brothers and sisters, several of whom are our parishioners, and all his loved ones.

John "Jocko" Becich, 84, passed away Christmas Eve and was buried from our church Dec. 29. We extend our sympathy to his wife Anita and their family, and to his surviving siblings Giggie Cortese and Marion Segvich, his extended family and all his loved ones.

Former parishioner **Bill Martinov**, 89, passed away on Christmas Eve in Florida, where he lived with his wife Eleanor (Babich). He was very active here at St. Jerome and served as Commander of VFW Post 595. We extend our sympathy to his wife, sons, relatives and friends.

Magdalena Figueroa, 70, passed away Dec. 27 and was buried from our church this weekend. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

Test your Bible I.Q.

The language in which the New Testament was written is:

- A) Hebrew, the Old Testament language.
- B) Aramaic, the language that Jesus spoke.
- C) Greek.
- D) Latin, the language of the Roman Empire.

See the Bulletin next time for the answer!

Dec. 17's answer was:

The Book of Exodus describes: (C) Moses leading the Chosen People out of Pharaoh's Egypt and the Chosen People's covenant with God at Mount Sinai.



KRSTENI/BAPTIZED at St. Jerome's in 2006

Nigel Joseph Stephens - Jan. 15
Mija Francine Lisnich - Jan. 15
Gabiella Maria Passarelli - Jan. 15
Danijela Mara Crnjac - Jan. 29
Dario Joseph Mendoza - Jan. 29
Antonio Filipe Gutierrez - Feb. 5
Nada Helena Jumic - Feb. 5
Tomislav Simunic - Feb. 26
Mila Rose Perkovic - Mar. 5
Amelia Trinity Bezanec - Mar. 12
Angela Faith Bezanec - Mar. 12
Ella Grace McNamara - Mar. 19
Alexis Nicole McAleese - Mar. 25
Nina Maria Drazenovic - Apr. 2
Lukas Ante Penavic - Apr. 22
Kristina Tadic - Apr. 22
Michael Everett Badrov - Apr. 23
Richard Anthony Burtner - Apr. 23
Patrick Michael Cimaglia - Apr. 29
Francesco Munizza III - May 21
Marijana Brajkovic - May 28
Valentina Iva Marijan - May 28
Isabella Santa Belcastro - May 28
Nathan Joseph Wojcik - May 28
Larisa Elizabeth Link - June 4

Luka Gregory Nikolich - June 11
Austin Ray Eriks - June 18
Sebastian Michael Sabo - June 24
Adrianna DeGrazia - June 25
Liliana Emily Utterback - July 2
Marko Nikola Marovic - July 2
Marko Stjepan Paljetak - July 2
Angelo Giani Ciaravino - July 16
Lucija Mila Adams - Aug. 26
Blaz Luka Miocic - Sept. 3
Anthony Luca Parrilli - Sept. 9
Mila Solana Hays - Sept. 10
Marissa Shea Vari - Sept. 10
Jacob David Stegmiller - Sept. 17
Gabriel Tomislav Misetic - Sept. 24
Luka Ivan Passero - Sept. 24
Adam Jonathan Domingo - Sept. 24
Gabriel Augustin Filipovic - Oct. 1
Matthew Francis Lesniewicz - Oct.
14
Marina Ivana Hosticka - Oct. 14
Brigita Lucy Kristo - Oct. 15
Jacob Daniel Morandi - Oct. 29
Mary Ana Kipp - Nov. 5
Mia Martinic - Nov. 5
Matthew Josipovic - Nov. 11
Anthony Josipovic - Nov. 11
Mia Jaclyn Liberti - Nov. 19
Luka Petar Zaper - Nov. 25
Annabella Dorothy Molloy - Nov. 25
Marina Koprcina - Dec. 3
Isabella Marija Skinger - Dec. 3
Riley Paige Austin - Dec. 17

***WELCOME
TO OUR PARISH!***

VJENČANI/MARRIED at St. Jerome in 2006

Dominic Leodoro & Dina Edwards
- Apr. 22

Timothy McCartney & Ljubica Lisnic
- May 6

Sime Zebic & Michelle Zaper
- May 13

David Bennett & Geralyn Catino
- May 20

Peter Miller & Ivana Krnjaca
- May 27

Brian Davis & Marijana Surkovic
- June 23

Victoria Fratto & David Czuprynski
- July 8

Thomas Gregory & Jaclyn Panatera
- July 22

Ante Pervan & Tamara Rudny
- Aug. 26

Samuel Ricobene Jr. & Janet
Mireles - Sept 2

John Rabon & Jennifer Savarino
- Sept. 17

Ivica Krpan & Venessa Bajic
- Sept. 16

Kareem Abraham & Maria Jurassi
- Sept. 23

Mario Jurkovic & Meghan Sircher
- Sept. 23

Mark Janus & Mary Rodich
- Sept. 30

Stephen Meacham & Antonia
Batistich - Oct. 21

Robert Prsa & Julia Vitallo - Nov. 19

CONGRATULATIONS!



MEMORIAM

POKOPANI/BURIED from St. Jerome in 2006

Joseph Piccinni (86) passed away Jan. 24
Catherine Madia (101) Jan.28
Francesco Munizza (66) Feb. 4
Josephine Odo (88) Feb. 10
Lucille Silich (80) Feb. 21
Annette LaPapa (54) Mar. 1
Pauline Perovich (92) Mar. 3
Marko Radman-Livaja (71) Mar. 30
Estera Badrov (81) Apr. 15
Nelli Passi (79) Apr. 25
Leo Pervan (90) May 25
Michael Roscich (53) May 29
Daniel Halloran (52) May 28
Mirko Sajn (76) May 23
Kathy Uremovic (37) June 14
Vincent Zivalic (81) July 1
Daniel Ruglio (90) July 10
Joso Brkic (56) July 14
Toni Mucenski (80) July 17
Mary Spoto (89) July 16
Connie Fratto (85) July 30
Joann Harris (61) Aug. 31
Nicholas Cantanvespi (60) Sept. 3
Andrew Parachinni (23) Sept. 7
John Plisic (90) Oct. 7
Peter Trumblay Sr. (65) Oct. 7
Mary Basso (82) Oct. 19
Frank Bologna (75) Oct. 19
Sr. Mary Bernardine Condich (83) Nov. 1
Barry Babich (46) Nov. 16
Vinka Curkovich (83) Nov. 19
Jerome Popovich (83) Dec. 4
Nicholas Zekich (80) Dec. 18
Josip Lisnich (66) Dec. 23
John Becich (84) Dec. 24
Magdalena Figueroa (70) Dec. 27

May they rest in God's peace.