

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 12, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Jackie Scumaci Catherine/Nick Perisin
Sr. Mary Bernardine Condich Laura/John Perseghin
Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
Na čast Bl. Djevice Marije Zorka Zeba

Tuesday – Utorak, February 13, 2007

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović Ivan i Vesna Jureta
Aldo Gentilini Michael & Mary Ann DiVito
Frano i Mijo Penavić M/M Ivica Penavić
Luca Galić djeca

**Wednesday – Srijeda, February 14, 2007
Sts. Cyril & Methodius and St. Valentine**

7:30 a.m. Connie Fratto daughter Mary
Mary Basso Carmen Scumaci
Joe Paradiso Stretch & El
In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 15, 2007

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović John & Marija Kosić
fra Ante Grbeš Dragica i Karlo Karačić
John 'Jocko' Becich Cathy Amato
Ana Vidovic Louis & Mary Scalise

8:05 a.m. For all parishioners, living & deceased

Friday – Petak, February 16, 2007

7:30 a.m. Joseph Bogetich children
Sr. M. Bernardine Condich Catherine/Nick Perisin
Eugene Sullivan M/M Tony Senerchia
John Becich Jr. & Mamie Balestri
U zahvalu Iva i Josip Prša

Saturday – Subota, February 17, 2007

7:30 a.m. Marijana Čubelić Božo i Stoja Kosir
Michael Roscich family
Dec. of Draznak family Mary Vujic

5:30 p.m. Connie Fratto Marion Segvich
Joseph Bozich wife & children
Barry Babich Patricia & Andy Sperando
Sam Cicero Gene & Anna Marie Gazzi
Dec. of Thompson & Iozzo fam. Iozzo family

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 18, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
Mary Pesce Sam & Terri Babich
Ana Vidović Jean Zekich
Michael Brcich Joan Sipich
Connie DeGrazia Joann & Peter Peso

9:30 a.m. George Levas
Frank Bologna
Filip Majic
Nick Zekich
John Becich
Jo Vetos
Anthony DeGrazia
Marie Balestri

Eva Levas
H.S.A.
Majic family
M/M John Harzich
Katica Kosić
Giggie
family
family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Frano Rogić Jadre Rogić i ob.
Kathy Uremović Ljubica i Ljubo Rogić
Anto Vicić ob. Ljubomir i Vesna Krišto
Anđelko Markić ob. Pavo Hrkač
Anton Mora Anica Ostojić
Mila Tomić Ivan Mišetić i ob.
Marko Galović Mr. & Mrs. Ivica Penavić
Kata Turkalj Iva i Anka Uremović
Luca Galić ob. Galić
Filip i Iva Ličnić ob. Jure Ličnić
Pok. iz ob. M. & T. Čondić sin
Pok. iz ob. Erceg Pero Erceg
Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob.
Na nakanu Boris i Zrinka Dilber

LECTORS

Sat., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto
Sun., Feb. 18, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
Sun., Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m. Giggie Cortese
Sun., Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m. Karmela Kristić,
Antonia Jurković, Perica Dušević

**ALTAR
SERVERS**

Sat., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. Meo, S. Garcia, Wilkie
Sun., Feb. 18, 7:30 a.m. Racinowski, L. Rubio
Sun., Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, Passi, Perseghin
Sun., Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m. **D. Paraga, CJ
Bušljeta, K. Cikoch, A. Kraljević, I. Jureta, A.
Puljić**

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.
- ▶ One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.
- ▶ Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312-671-2160.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ challenged his listeners and followers with a radical choice: to live by the values of the world (the pursuit of money, pleasure, popularity, power, prestige, ...), or to live by the values of God's Kingdom (poverty of spirit, cleanness of heart, capacity to show mercy, ability to suffer in the cause of right, ...).

At the heart of today's readings is the theme of trust in God. To trust in God is to rely on God as the one source of life. When Jesus says, "Blessed

are the poor," he is not giving a blessing to starvation and misery. Those are evils. What is being blessed is reliance on God.

Those who put their trust in human things will inevitably be disappointed; those who put their trust in God will not. Only God can fill our emptiness; only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts, but often God is the last one we turn to rather than the first.

In the eyes of the world, the rich seem to be blessed by

God, while the poor seem cursed. But Jesus spoke about the surprising poverty of those who live for the wealth of this world, and the surprising wealth of those who rely on God, those who trust in God; the surprising **hunger** of those whose only food is the food of this world, and the surprising **nourishment** of those who seek the food that only God can give.

The poverty of spirit that is blessed is the poverty of those who trust in God.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Invisible Gifts

One day a poor man was walking along a street when he came upon a beggar who asked him for alms. Ashamed, the man answered, "Sorry, but I'm just as poor as you are."

On hearing this, the beggar said, "Thank you, my friend, for your gift."

Not understanding what the beggar meant, the man asked, "Why are you thanking me? I didn't give you anything."

"Oh, yes, you did," the beggar replied. "You gave me your honesty, your poverty, and your trust."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Trust in God is a great sea that fits every bend in the shore of human need."

BEATITUDES OF THE HEART

Blessed are the clean of **heart**; they will see God.

Blessed are the humble of **heart**; they will find rest for their souls.

Blessed are the warm-hearted; they will radiate goodness. Blessed are those who work with the **heart**; they will find joy in their work.

Blessed are those who do not lose **heart**; they will find the strength to persevere.

Blessed are those who set their **heart** on the Kingdom of God; everything else will be given to them.

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: **What are the essential forms of Christian prayer?**

Answer: They are blessing and adoration, the prayer of petition and intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer.

(3) The different forms of the prayer of petition are a petition for pardon or also a humble and trusting petition for all our needs either spiritual or material. The first thing to ask for, however, is the coming of the Kingdom.

(4) The prayer of intercession consists in asking on behalf of another. It conforms us and unites us to the prayer of Jesus who intercedes with the Father for all, especially sinners. Intercession must extend even to one's enemies. *(continued next week)*

Cardinal Stepinac Days at St. Jerome's

This weekend we celebrate Blessed Alojzije Cardinal Stepinac, the Archbishop of Zagreb, whose side altar is by our church's baptismal font.

This great Cardinal refused Communist demands to separate the Croatian Roman Catholic Church from the Pope. As a result, Cardinal Stepinac suffered much persecution by the government — including a famous Communist show trial. The Cardinal died in 1960. Pope John Paul II beatified Blessed Stepinac in 1998.

The Cardinal will be remembered at the 11 a.m. Mass this Sunday, Feb. 11.

The following is a portion of Pope John Paul II's homily at

the Beatification Mass for Blessed Alojzije held Oct. 3, 1998 in Croatia:

In his human and spiritual journey Blessed Alojzije Stepinac gave his people a sort of compass to serve as an orientation. And these were its cardinal points:

- ◆ faith in God,
- ◆ respect for man,
- ◆ love towards all even to the offer of forgiveness, and
- ◆ unity with the Church guided by the Successor of Peter.

He knew well that no bargains can be made with truth, because truth is not negotiable. Thus he faced suffering rather than betray his conscience and not abide by the promise given to

Christ and the Church.

In this courageous witness he was not alone. He had at his side other courageous souls who, in order to preserve the unity of the Church and defend her freedom, agreed to pay with him a heavy price in imprisonment, mistreatment and even bloodshed. To these generous souls — bishops, priests, men and women religious, and lay faithful — we offer today our admiration and gratitude. Let us listen to their urgent call for forgiveness and reconciliation. To forgive and to be reconciled means to purify one's memory of hatred, rancor, the desire for revenge; it means acknowledging as a brother even those who have wronged us; it means not being overcome by evil but overcoming evil with good (cf. *Romans* 12:21).



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

At the Masses this Weekend we will make our pledges—our commitments—for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic Appeal.

In last week's bulletin we had information to reflect upon regarding the worthiness of the ministries supported by the Chicago Archdiocese's Catholic Appeal fundraising campaign.

This weekend we make our pledges, usually for five monthly installments. The Archdiocese will take our pledges that we will fill out in the pews, and the Archdiocese will either send us monthly requests for the payment of pledges or charge our credit cards for the 5 installments. **Information that you give on the pledge cards will only be seen by the Archdiocese and this parish. No one else can or will have access to it.**

It is important that we pay our pledges but the Archdiocese understands how some months can be difficult. That is why the Archdiocese will send out billings for 10 months if that much time is needed to pay our pledges.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember in your prayers our beloved dead, including the recently deceased **Vivian Sexton**, sister of our parishioner Daniel Bakovich, and **Joseph Amoroso**, father of our parishioner Joey Amoroso. Our sympathy and prayers go out to their families and friends.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Congratulations to High Schoolers from St. Jerome's!

- ◆ **Brian Kenny:** 1st Honors with Distinction, St. Ignatius
- ◆ **Kristina Mossman:** Honors with Distinction, St. Ignatius
- ◆ **Annette Nowacki, Elena Bilonic:** A Honor Roll, Queen of Peace
- ◆ **Nancy Babic:** B Honor Roll, Queen of Peace
- ◆ **Melissa Guzman, Marki Racinowski:** B Honor Roll, Mother McAuley
- ◆ **Antonio Rodriguez:** A Honor Roll, St. Laurence.
- ◆ **Richard Bergthold, Courtney Hughes, Amber Magione, Nico Magione, John Raddatz, Alexandra Rinella, Anthony Sabbia, Amanda Sarkaukas, Kara Sheehy:** Honor Roll, De La Salle Institute