

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 19, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Connie Pesce Jan & Rich Ferro
Eugene Sullivan Cathy Amato
Marija Antolović sestra
In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

Tuesday – Utorak, February 20, 2007

7:30 a.m. Jocko Becich Anthony/Matthew Scalise
Sr. Bernardine Condich John and Martin Kraslen
Pok. iz ob. Jurilj Ante i Anica Lončar
Na čast Sv. Anti Zorka Zeba
Wedding Anniversary Mucenski family

**Wednesday – Srijeda, February 21, 2007
Ash Wednesday – Čista Srijeda / Pepelnica**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Miloslavich family
Mary Mandl Theresa M.
Na nakanu David & Katica Škaro
9:00 a.m. For all parishioners, living & deceased
7:00 p.m. Mike Brcich Perisin grandchildren
Dawn Amoruso Michaeline & Jerry Considine
Andrew Parachinni family
Pok. iz ob. Jureta i Galić ob. Ivan Jureta

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 22, 2007

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović Mr. & Mrs. Turković
Ana Vidović ob. Žigniće
Josip Lišnić Louis & Mary Scalise
Special intention Jon Weber

Friday – Petak, February 23, 2007

7:30 a.m. Josip Žužić obitelj
John Becich Theresa Scopacasa
Kathy Uremović Mr. & Mrs. John Pastuović
Fr. Ray Maier N.N.

Saturday – Subota, February 24, 2007

7:30 a.m. Dolores Senk Ann Contino
Barry Babich Catherine & Nick Perisin
Mike Brcich Chris & Matt Pesce
Jack Crisanti (for blessing of health) Eva & Sam Madia
5:30 p.m. Stipe Pervan ob. Pervan
Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
Connie Fratto Kay Siani
Bill Martinov Terri & Sam Babich
Winnie Sipich Joan Sipich
Andrew Parachinni family

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 25, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Condich Duško
Mary Pesce Silvio & Elaine Martincic
John Plisic M/M William Plisic
Joe Paradiso Catherine & Nick Perisin
June & Carmen Belda family

9:30 a.m. John Becich Peter & Jane Pivac
John 'Fuzz' Hozzian Laura & John Perseghin
Michael Brcich Katica Kosić
Connie Camponigro sister
Joann Harris Natia & Joe DiFazio

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Nagy ob. Rodich
Dinko Buškain Nevenka Badrov
Kathy Uremović Jura i Ana Tomašić
Marko Tomljenović Iva i Josip Prša
Fra Marko Kozina ob. Žužić
Križan i Pera Ostojčić Anica Ostojčić
Marija Vranković Marko i Marica Hobar
Ana Vidović ob. Žigniće
Fra Ante Grbeš Marko i Marija Knezović
Kata Turkalj Iva i Anka Uremović
Steven Brajković ob. Jure Lišnić
Mate i Dragojka Badrov ob. Pave Badrov
Pok. iz ob. M. & T. Čondić sin
Pok. iz ob. Grbeš Ante i Anica Lončar
Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojčić i ob.

LECTORS

Sat., Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro
Sun., Feb. 25, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
Sun., Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m. Petra Mamić, Kristiana Jurković, Perica Dušević

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. C. Garcia, Racinowski, Rubio
Sun., Feb. 18, 7:30 a.m. Olague, Passi
Sun., Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m. Rudmin, Sarkauskas, Perseghin
Sun., Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m. **D. Bajić, A. Kosić, E. Ljevar, D. Jurković, A. Barun, M. Brajković**

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 — Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us think we have done our Christian duty if we refrain from doing harm to our enemy, but Jesus asks more of us. He asks us to *love* our enemies. Even though this is difficult, it can be done.

Even on a human level the teaching of Jesus makes sense. The escalation of evil can be stopped only by one who does not pass the evil on. Revenge and retaliation only add darkness to darkness. By adopting a vindictive attitude, we become poisoned by hatred. We

use up a huge amount of energy in hating. Revenge may satisfy one's rage, but it makes the heart sterile.

Love releases extraordinary energies in us. The power of love is greater than the power of evil. Still, one of the most difficult things in the world is to love someone who hates you. Yet true love includes loving the difficult and unlovable. Mercy is stronger than vengeance. When Jesus says, "Forgive your enemies," it is not only for the sake of the enemy, but also for one's own sake

because love is more holy than hate.

It is a struggle to overcome the feelings of bitterness and revenge that well up inside us and can keep welling up when we are badly treated by another. We need to let go of that inner anger through forgiveness. Forgiveness is never easy. Each day it must be struggled for, and prayed for and won. Resentments can smolder for a long time. Prayer is the only answer. Anger cannot continue to develop where there is humble, sincere prayer.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Respond to darkness with Light

During the tragic conflict between the Northern Ireland Catholics and Protestants in recent decades, there was a woman in the main city of Belfast whose husband was shot as he drove the family to Mass. Soon after the tragedy she was praying with the children when her young son asked, "Mommy, will the men who killed Daddy go to heaven?"

Breathing a silent prayer, the mother replied, "If they are really sorry and ask Jesus to forgive them, then they will go to heaven."

On hearing this the boy remarked, "Well, if they are going to be there, I don't want to be in heaven with them."

The mother thought about this for a while, then replied, "If Jesus forgives and saves them, setting them free from their terrible sin, he will change them. They will be completely different people."

The youngster paused, then said, "Mommy, let's pray for these men and ask Jesus to save them."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Respond to what is worst in another with what is best in you."

Lent begins this Wednesday

The 40 days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday this week. Lent is the liturgical season of the year that invites us:

- to **fast** from food and worldly distractions,
- to **do penance** (for purifying and strengthening ourselves),
- to **pray** more frequently and more deeply,
- to **do acts of love** (especially the Lenten tradition of "almsgiving," or donating to the poor).

In these 40 days of fasting, penance, prayer and almsgiving, we ideally undergo a spiritual conversion to become better followers of Christ. Then as better followers, we can be closer to Jesus as we remember his suffering and death during Holy Week. We might truly feel in our hearts his suffering for the world. We might join our suffering with his — for the good of the world. And as his followers, we also look forward to the Resurrection.

◆ 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 (1) blessing and (2) adoration, the prayer of (3) petition and (4) intercession, (5) thanksgiving and (6) praise. The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer.**

(5) **The Church gives thanks to God unceasingly, above all in celebrating the Eucharist in which Christ allows her to participate in his own thanksgiving to the Father. For the Christian every event becomes a reason for giving thanks.**

(6) **Praise is that form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It is a completely disinterested prayer: it sings God's praise for his own sake and gives him glory simply because he is.**

Bakalar

Our parish's **Club Poljica** will hold its annual Bakalar Dinner in the St. Jerome School Hall **THIS Saturday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets for this special dinner are \$50.00. Included with the Dalmatian fish specialty of "Bakalar" is great music and an open bar. For more information, call Eleanor at 773-284-2216.

Please remember in your prayers our beloved dead, including the recently deceased **Carol A. Herrera**, 64, wife of Federico, and **Williamae Versetto**, 76, wife of Joseph. Their funerals were held at our church this past week. 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.

The St. Jerome Parish Social that we had to cancel last week (due to anticipated cold weather and snowstorms) has been rescheduled for a month later: **Friday, 7 p.m., March 16. Please accept this invitation to increase the fellowship of our Parish!**



Today the Annual Catholic Appeal concludes. Today is:

"FOLLOW-UP SUNDAY"

Last week we listened to our Cardinal's homily and patiently filled out our pledge forms. This weekend, according to the procedure given us by the Archdiocese, we have "Follow-up Sunday," when everyone who was unable to fill out a pledge last weekend, is given another chance to do so. By following this procedure, our parish will not be automatically required to pay out 6 percent of all of our 2006 offertory collections. Thank you for your patience and generosity to this worthy cause of helping the Archdiocese's ministries in Chicagoland.

On Ash Wednesday there will be Masses, with the distribution of ashes: **7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., and 7 p.m.**



LENTEN FASTING: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **days of fasting** when Catholics 18 to 59 years old are duty-bound to eat only one (meatless) full meal, and two smaller (meatless) meals. Of course, expectant and nursing moms, as well as the sick, are **not** duty-bound.

ABSTAINING FROM MEAT IN LENT: **On Fridays during Lent**, Catholics 14 years old and older are duty-bound to eat no meat (fish is not a meat), and of course expectant and nursing moms and the sick are exempt.



THE DEVOTION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed in English **every Lenten Friday at 7 p.m.** in our church.

Priests will be away at Monastery meeting:

From **Monday, Feb. 26 till Friday, March 2** our priests Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan will be with their brother-priests at a once-every-3-year meeting at our Monastery.

This is a "Custodial Chapter," which is the technical name for the meeting every three years when our group of Franciscans chooses our leaders and makes important planning decisions.

Please support our priests by praying for wisdom in their decisions, and also support them through your understanding how their time for parish matters will be very limited during these days.

Come to a parish-sponsored talk on "Your Finances and Estate Planning" in our School Hall Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.