

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 26, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Mate Braški	Ana Braški
Sr. Bernardine Condich	Chris & Matt Pesce
Laureen Cortez	family
Vinka Curkovich	Caroline Markovich
Lucy Auld	Louis & Mary Scalise

Tuesday – Utorak, February 27, 2007

7:30 a.m. Margaret Marcello	family
Joseph Nagy	Toki family
Jocko Becich	Terri & Sam Babich
Dawn Amoruso	Cathi & Pete Wilkie

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 28, 2007

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremovi	Jura i Ana Tomaši
John Plisic	Jerry & Eleanore Plisic
John 'Jocko' Becich	Peter & JoAnn Peso
Na nakanu (Marija i Silvije)	Ivanka

Thursday – etvrtak, March 1, 2007

7:30 a.m. Ed Sexton	Giggie Cortese
John Plisic	Jerry & Eleanore Plisic
Pero Mari	Stojan Masla
Žarko Ostoji	Anica

Friday – Petak, March 2, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Miloslavich	family
Vilim Bezjak	Mr. & Mrs. Ivica Penavi
Mike Brcich	Mr. & Mrs. Frank De Gregorio
Charlie Knetl	Joe & El Grzetich

Saturday – Subota, March 3, 2007

7:30 a.m. Ana Vidovi	M/M William Plisic
Maida Micetich	Neda Smajo
Mike Brcich	Cathi & Peter Wilkie
Ann Sexauer	Cookie Jarzyna

5:30 p.m. Millie Trovato	Giggie
Connie Fratto	Julie Paljetak
Ana Vidovi	John & Martin Kraslen
Vin Curkovich	Pete & Sandy Schurla
Barry Babich	M/M Joe Harzich
Josephine Verdi	M/M Ralph Ferro & daughter

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 4, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn	ondi	Duško
Al & Millie Mucenski		family
Mary Pesce	Silvio & Elaine Martincic	
Eugene Sullivan	Babich family	
Michael Brcich	Katica Kosi	

9:30 a.m. Carmen Tadeo	Majic family
Carmen, Carmella, Tommy LaPapa	daughter
Joe Kish	St. Jerome HSA
James Tukich	family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ivan Pavi	Kata Pavi
Kathy Uremovi	Tomo i Mandica Skukan
Marija Bilanovi	Zorka Zeba
Stipan Baji	Venessa & John Krpan
Leonard Baji	Venessa & John Krpan
Anton Mora	David & Katica Škaro
Milan Došen	Josip i Marta Zduni
Mile Rak	obitelj
Neža i Martin Solina	Henrik Solina
Ana Vidovi	Danica Maroš
Pok. iz ob. M&T	ondi
Pok. iz ob. Šimati & Milanez	ob. Šimati
Za Hrvatske branitelje	Križa Ostoji i ob.

LECTORS

Sat., March 3, 5:30 p.m. Bobby Canatello
Sun., March 4, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
Sun., March 4, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo
Sun., March 4, 11:30 a.m. Snježana Šego, Sanja Budimir, Davorka Toromanovi

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat., Mar. 3, 5:30 p.m. Ferro, I. Rubio, M. Rubio
Sun., Mar. 4, 7:30 a.m. LoCoco, Rudmin
Sun., Mar. 4, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, Nowacki, Olague
 Sun., Mar. 4, 11:30 a.m. **A. Kraljevi, D. Jureta, K. Cikoch, S. Ivezic, M. Golub**

FOR RENT

29th & Shields area, newly remdd 5½ rms, 1½ bdrm, w/d, non-smkg bldg, new applnces, no pets, 1 mo. sec., cr. chk, refs, \$650 w/o utils., 312-802-0238.
 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.
 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, central ac & ht, \$600, utilities not incl., 312-593-2864.
 25th Pl.-Wallace area, 2nd flr. 3 bdrms, w/d, stove, refrig., enclosed back porch, \$600 + ulit. 630-904-6774

WEEKLY MEDITATION — First Sunday of Lent

All of us human beings are weak and susceptible to evil. This may be a disturbing truth, but it is one that we ignore at our own peril. One great problem of our times is our failure to know ourselves, to recognize sin and deal with it within ourselves. We benefit from knowing and accepting this humbling truth of the human condition.

We frequently have to struggle against the evil that is done by society and by others, but our hardest struggle is against the evil that originates inside

us. We are born with conflicting impulses, so that doing good is always possible but never easy.

Jesus' temptation was no play-acting. It was real. The temptations of Jesus are the temptations of Christians in all ages: (1) to live for material things alone; (2) to seek one's own glory rather than God's glory; and (3) to abandon the worship of God for the worship of worldly power and fame.

Jesus' desert victory over Satan was no once-and-for-all victory. He had

won a battle, not the war. There would be other attacks that would need to be repelled. The same is true for us. Some people think that they should reach a stage when they will be beyond the reach of temptation. Jesus was taunted and tempted on the cross. But he resisted to the end too, winning the war.

Lent calls us to turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. Jesus struggled against temptation and will help us overcome ours. When temptation weighs us down, Jesus' mercy will raise us up!

WISDOM'S CORNER

Contests build our strength

An elderly gentleman invited a boy to accompany him to his farm to cut young hickory trees to be used in making ax handles. As they walked through the woods, they noticed many inviting-looking young hickory trees, and the boy said, "Mr. Smith, there stands a good-looking tree."

But Mr. Smith replied, "Let's go to the top of the hill where the trees have been exposed to the weather and tested by the wind. We will find the trees much stronger there, where they have been rocked back and forth by the wind. These trees will make **much stronger** handles."

St. Augustine noted long ago that: "It is through temptation that we come to know ourselves. We cannot win our crown unless we overcome, and we cannot overcome unless we enter the contest, and there is no contest unless we have an enemy and the temptations he brings."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The hardest victory of all is over oneself."

Lent brings Springtime for the Soul

Each year
we get a lesson in renewal from trees.
First the bud, then the blossom,
and finally the shoot.
The tree puts on a new robe in spring,
which makes it truly young again.
But this is possible only because in autumn
the tree let go of its old, rotting leaves,
and during winter it endured a stark period.
Lent is a stark period for our soul,
both an autumn and a winter
that both ready us to enter into Easter glory and joy,
*hopefully rid of at least one rotting leaf of vice that
has been replaced by a budding virtue!*

Lord Jesus, this Lent help us
to not fear letting go of old habits, old vices,
and to not fear facing our spiritual winters,
in order that you may renew us,
so that by Easter our souls will be younger,
and our following of you will be vigorous. Amen.

◆ 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 is the importance of Tradition in regard to prayer?**

Answer: **In the Church it is through living Tradition that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God how to pray. In fact prayer cannot be reduced to the spontaneous outpouring of an interior impulse; rather it implies contemplation, study and a grasp of the spiritual realities one experiences.**

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Bakalar is this Saturday

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.

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



This week only there will be **no Holy Hours** from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday. The normal schedule resumes next week.

Mark your calendar to experience a LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in our church. Come and see our St. Jerome Parish School students reenact the Way of the Cross.



Please remember in your prayers our beloved dead, including the recently deceased **Mary Hardt**, 85, and **Charles Knetl**, 95. 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 a St. Jerome's high schooler, **Alexa Rae Venditti**, for achieving 1st Honors at St. Ignatius College Prep!

WARNING: Eating meat (other than fish) has been found by the Vicar General to be **hazardous to your spiritual health** on Fridays during Lent if you are a Catholic 14 years old or older. But if you are sick or if you are a pregnant or nursing mother, you may eat meat without danger.

*Come to a parish-sponsored talk:
"Your Finances & Estate Planning"*

Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in our School Hall is our first in a series of special monthly talks in honor of our parish's 95th anniversary. This **Financial Session** will cover areas that should be part of your tax planning checklist and key changes affecting your 2006 tax preparation, along with essential considerations affecting your estate tax planning. The presenters will be Matthew Pesce, CPA, and Stephen Sutera, an attorney specializing in Estate Tax Planning.

Priests away this week 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.

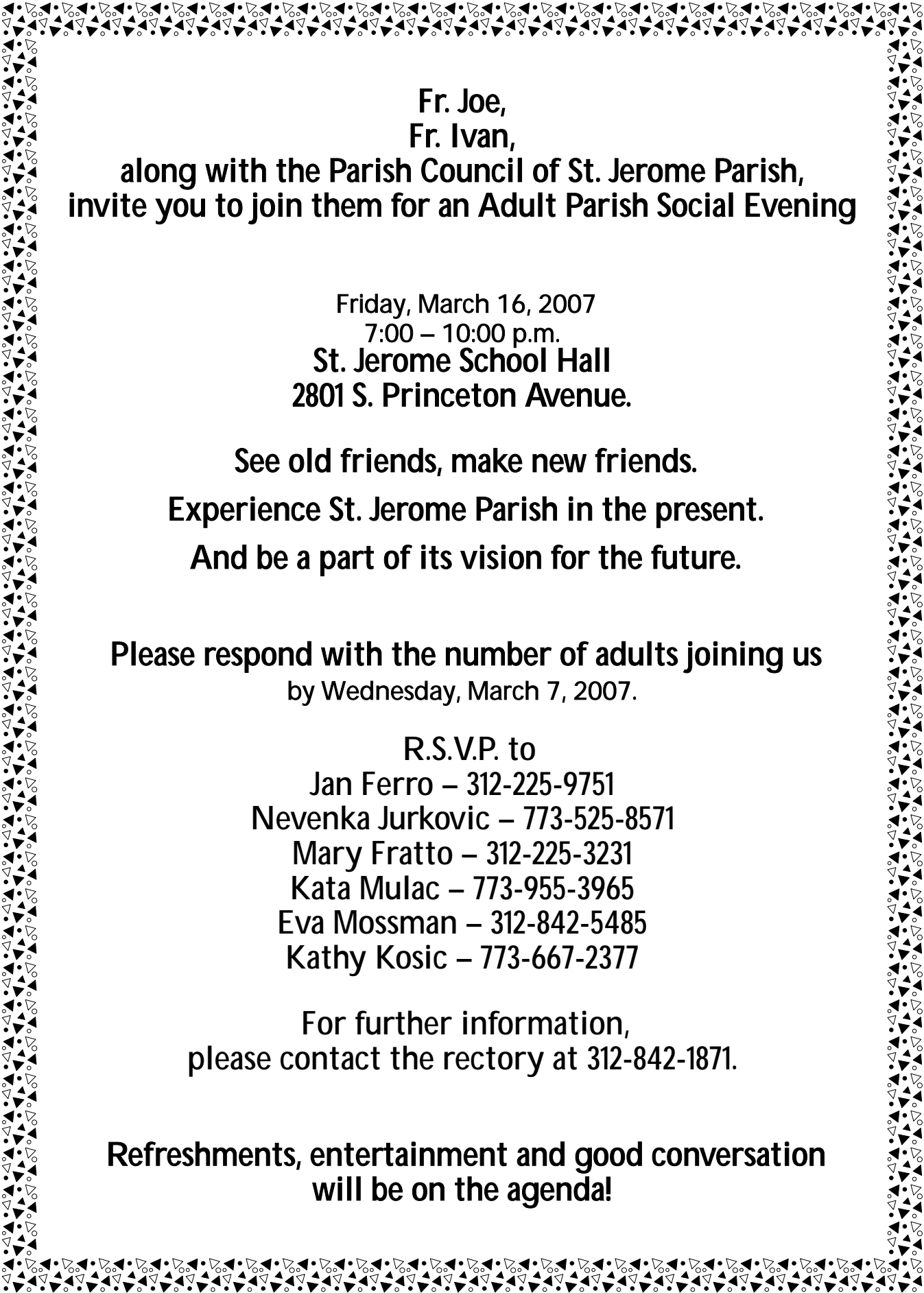
Test your **Bible I.Q.**

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 answer below:

THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS WRITTEN IN THE GREEK LANGUAGE.



**Fr. Joe,
Fr. Ivan,
along with the Parish Council of St. Jerome Parish,
invite you to join them for an Adult Parish Social Evening**

**Friday, March 16, 2007
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
St. Jerome School Hall
2801 S. Princeton Avenue.**

**See old friends, make new friends.
Experience St. Jerome Parish in the present.
And be a part of its vision for the future.**

**Please respond with the number of adults joining us
by Wednesday, March 7, 2007.**

**R.S.V.P. to
Jan Ferro – 312-225-9751
Nevenka Jurkovic – 773-525-8571
Mary Fratto – 312-225-3231
Kata Mulac – 773-955-3965
Eva Mossman – 312-842-5485
Kathy Kosic – 773-667-2377**

**For further information,
please contact the rectory at 312-842-1871.**

**Refreshments, entertainment and good conversation
will be on the agenda!**