

**MASS INTENTIONS**
**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 22, 2007**  
**Day of Penance for an End to Abortion**

**7:30 a.m.** Bruno Roti Marion  
 Ed Sexton Caroline Markovich  
 Ruža Čubela Zlata Dugandžić i ob.  
 Luka Botica Josie Hanson

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 23, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Katy Morano Marion  
 Connie Fratto Anthony Pesce  
 Barry Babich Mr. & Mrs. John Harzich  
 Dorothy Semrad-Weber (God's blessings) Jon Weber

**Wednesday – Srijeda, January 24, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Steven Brajković obitelj  
 Kathy Uremović Nikola & Janja Hrvojević  
 Luka Botica John & Gen Botica  
 Joseph & Millie Bogetich family

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 25, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Jane Baker niece Vonnice  
 Mittie Sorrentino Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Paul Grubisich-Cabo John & Gen Botica  
 Uncle Luka Botica John Zekich

**Friday – Petak, January 26, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Kathy Uremović Dana Bruder  
 Frank Polacek John & Gen Botica  
 Na nakanu Ljubo & Vesna Krišto

**Saturday – Subota, January 27, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Margaret Marcello family  
 Joško Babić Marija Diacci  
 Lena Marino family

**5:30 p.m.** Connie Fratto Stanko Šego & family  
 Dominic & Lena Marino Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Joanne Harris Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Fra Ante Grbeš Ann Contino  
 Sr. Mary Bernardine Condich Mary Ann Romano  
 John Becich Mary Somen

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 28, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn Čondić Duško  
 Connie Pesce Ann Contino  
 Toma Botica John & Gen Botica  
 Lena Marino Perisin family  
 Ana Vidović Mary Ann Romano  
 Deceased of John Mladinov family family

**9:30 a.m.** Peter Trumblay Sr. Mossman family  
 Catherine (Scalise) Madia (1st anniv.) dghtr Eleanor  
 Frank Bologna Caroline Markovich  
 Anthony Martincic Robin & Joe Kalano  
 Barry Babich Lisa & Christine Babich

**11:00 a.m. u spomen**

Marija Rodić ob. Rodich  
 Kathy Uremović Olga Puljić  
 Ante Golub (26th anniv.) sestra Marija  
 Marko Tomljenović obitelj  
 Mijo Žužić obitelj  
 Fra Ljubo Čuvalo ob. Ante i Ikica Čuvalo  
 Steven Brajković Luka i Ana Zoko  
 Stipan Guvo Bože Guvo i ob.  
 Ivan Štrbić Dragan i Janice Šubašić  
 Josip Draženović ob. Kata Draženović  
 Pok. iz ob. M. i T. Čondić sin  
 Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob.  
 Na čast Gospi Međugorskoj ob. Ćosić

**LECTORS**

**Sat., Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m.** Robert Bazan  
**Sun., Jan. 28, 7:30 a.m.** Mary Fratto  
**Sun., Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass  
**Sun., Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m.** Anita Kosir, Josip Novak, Mate Žaper


**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat., Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m.** Ferro, LoCoco, Rudmin  
**Sun., Jan. 28, 7:30 a.m.** C. Garcia, S. Garcia  
**Sun., Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m.** Iglesias, Insalaco, Sarkauskas  
**Sun., Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m.** A. Kosić, A. Barun, I. Babić, S. Ivezic, M. Brajković

**FOR SALE**

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

**FOR RENT**

► 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdms), 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.  
 ► 31st Princeton, 2nd fl., 6 rms, 3 bdrm, central air & heat, no pets. 773-582-8255.

“On January 22, 2007, we will mark the 34th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions that led to legal abortion for any reason, and throughout all nine months of pregnancy, in our country. In 2004, more than 22,000 abortions took place in Cook and Lake Counties alone. As the Body of Christ, we are left with the significant task of undoing the harm that these unjust rulings have caused to our people and our Church.”

—Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

“God’s love does not differentiate between the newly conceived human infant still in his or her mother’s womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one.”

—Pope Benedict XVI

## How one abortion provider grasped the tragedy of what he was doing

An obstetrician-gynecologist relates the revealing and very personal story of what happened that caused him to stop performing abortions:

I was doing my D&Cs (early term abortion), five and six a week, and salines whenever I was on call. It was a very stomach-turning kind of existence.

There was this tremendous conflict going on within me. My wife and I were looking desperately for a baby to adopt, while I was throwing them in the garbage at the rate of nine and ten a week. The thought occurred to me even then, “I wish one of these people would just let me have her child.” But it doesn’t work that way.

We were lucky—it just took four months before we adopted a healthy little girl, and we called her Heather. Life was good until June 23, 1984. On that date I was on call, but I was

at home at the time. We had some friends over and our children were playing in the back yard. At 7:25 that evening, we heard the screech of brakes out in front of the house. We ran outside, and Heather was lying in the road. We did everything we could, but she died.

Let me tell you something. When you lose a child—your child—life is very different. Everything changes. And all of a sudden the idea of a person’s life becomes very real. It’s not an embryology course any more; it’s not just a couple of hundred dollars. It’s the real thing. It’s your child you buried.

The old discomforts came back in spades. I couldn’t even think about an abortion any more, no way. Then you start to realize, this is somebody’s child. I lost my child and now I’m taking somebody’s child, and I’m tearing him right out of her womb. I’m killing somebody’s child.

I began to feel like a paid assassin. That’s exactly what I was. For all the money in the world it wouldn’t have made any difference so I quit.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION — On our human entitlement to live

### Mother Teresa On Abortion:

No one in the world who prizes liberty and human rights can feel anything but a strong kinship with America. Yet, there has been one infinitely tragic and destructive departure from those American ideals in recent memory. It was the decision in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) to exclude the unborn child from the human family. If the right to life is an inherent and inalienable right, it must surely exist wherever life exists. No one can deny that the unborn child is a distinct being, that it is human, and that it is alive.

It is unjust, therefore, to deprive the unborn child of its fundamental right to life on the basis of its age, size, or condition of dependency.

America needs no words from me to see how your decision in *Roe v. Wade* has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father’s role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has por-

trayed *the greatest of gifts*—a child—as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered domination over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And, in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners.

Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The



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right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign. Human life is a gift of immeasurable worth and deserves, always and everywhere, to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect.

## Next Saturday evening catch a Vegas show in our school hall and beat the winter blues

An evening with **VITO ZATTO**, Vegas-style entertainer, **Saturday, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m. in St. Jerome's School Hall**, 2801 S. Princeton. Your \$25.00 ticket includes buffet-style dinner/entertainment. B.Y.O.B. For tickets, call Leslie Kish at 773-548-5151. *Support our school and have fun doing so!*

## Cardinal Stepinac Days at St. Jerome's

Soon it will be the weekend when we celebrate Blessed Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac, whose side altar is by the baptismal font. It will be **Saturday, Feb. 10 and Sunday, Feb. 11**. Please plan on participating in this important weekend in our parish.

## On Monday, the 34th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, remember in a special way the tragedy of abortion.

The parish is invited to join the Monday night prayer group with a special "Rosary for Life" offered for all life, from conception to natural death. Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**IN THE MAIL:** We have mailed letters to our parishioners detailing contributions for the year 2006, for your tax purposes. We apologize for any errors. Please inform us of any mistake. Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for the soul of **Connie DeGrazia**, 91, who was buried from our parish this past week. Our prayers go out to her sons and their families—Paul (& Barbara), Raymond Jr. (& Donna) and the late Anthony (& Loretta), Connie's grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Connie was the founder and namesake of Connie's Pizza. *May she rest in Christ's peace.*

## Dear Friends,

You are warmly invited to a festive get-together for the adults of St. Jerome's on the last Friday night before Lent begins. It will be a chance to catch up with friends and a chance to make new connections.

For the first time, we are having booths set up for all of our parish's many clubs, ministries, social groups and organizations. Come, check the organizations out, and maybe join a new group and get to know many new people.

This Parish Adult Get-Together is **Friday, Feb. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m.** See old friends, make new ones. Get to know St. Jerome's inside out. Refreshments, coffee, wine and some entertainment will be available.

No tickets required for this free event, but please **let us know** how many adults will come from your household **by Monday, Feb. 5**.

Call any of the following Parish Council members: Jan Ferro 312-225-9751, Mary Fratto 312-225-3231, Kata Mulac 773-955-3965, Nevenka Jurkovic 773-525-8571, Eva Mossman 312-842-5485, and Kathy Koscic 773-667-2377. *For further information on this event, call the Rectory.*

*See you there!*

*Fr. Joe, Fr. Ivan & the Parish Council*

## 2007 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS



*YOUR REWARD  
SHALL BE  
GREAT IN HEAVEN  
(LUKE 6:23)*

This week, many of our parishioners will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a

pledge to the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal.

The ACA not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

Your financial support is important. The success of the Appeal depends upon the gifts given by each of us to support our Archdiocese.

The campaign theme, taken from

the "Sermon on the Mount", is our call, not just to give our treasure but to leave the earth a better place because of our presence in it. One of the many ways to do this is to contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal so that through our parish and Archdiocese, we can spread the Word of God through the education, ministry and services provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

*Please make a generous pledge.*