

Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 12, 20077:30 a.m. Ana Vidovićob. GalićMildred Zaffinosister Emily Dengler

Milka Kotarac familv Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce Ana Krigan Debby Kodzoman Tuesday – Utorak, March 13, 2007 7:30 a.m. Michael Brcich Caroline Markovich Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce Mary Pesce Laura & John Perseghin Fra Hrvoslav Ban Mr. & Mrs. Ivica Penavić Wednesday - Srijeda, March 14, 2007 7:30 a.m. Nikola Šeperac ob. Žužić John & Gen Botica Kata Botica Jocko Becich Caroline Markovich Ann Sexauer **Giggie Cortese** Thursday – Četvrtak, March 15, 2007 7:30 a.m. Jocko Becich Lisa Babich Fr. Marko Kozina William & Michael Balestri family cousins Na nakanu Kata Zignić Friday – Petak, March 16, 2007 7:30 a.m. Fr. Marko Kozina Mary Fratto Cathi & Pete Wilkie Eugene Sullivan Maria Bon Mirjana Šušnjara Nini Calamai Heintz Evelyn Condich

Saturday – Subota, March 17, 2007 St. Patrick, bishop

7:30 a.m. Maria BonAlbina PauletićMary CrosbyPerisin familyVica Seksoob. Ivan i Sofije PastuovićFra Ante Grbeš & Ana VidovićMary Fratto

5:30 p.m. Mary BassoJimmy VittoriJohn & Marge SobocanSutera familyMary PesceDavid & Katarina ŠkaroConnie FrattoKathy KosićJoseph Bozichwife & childrenJerome PopovichGabric BoostersIvan BabićValerie Babić

Sunday - Nedjelja, March 18, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić	Duško
Ante Balich	family
Joe Paradiso	Charles & Patricia Marino
Mary Pesce	N.N.
Connie DeGrazia	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Frank Marasso	family

9:30 a.m. John Insalaco Sr.	Insalaco family
Nick LoCoco	family
Carol Ann Herrera	Perisin grandchildren
Paul Stasiak	family
Joseph Zekich	wife
Alfirevich family	Alfirevich family
Dec. of Bozich & Grzetich families Joe & El	

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ante Rodich ob. Rodich Luce Badrov Nevenka Badrov Frano Rogić Jadre Rogić i ob. Marko Šeperac ob. Žužić Kathy Uremović Božo i Stoja Kosir Anton Mora David i Katica Škaro Marija Vranjković Marko i Marica Hobar Ana Vidović Kata Pavić Marko Livaja ob. Danica Maroš Marko Barač kći Ružica i ob. Josip Barač Ružica i ob. Pero Kosir ob. Ivo Kosir Jela Barišić i Luka Barišić obiteli Ivan i Ana Mlinarić sin Ivan sa ob. Pok. iz ob. M&T Čondić sin ob. Šimatić Pok. iz ob. Šimatić i Milanez Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob. Za Širokobriješke mučenike ob. Kosir

LECTORS

Sat., March 17, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli Sun., March 18, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce Sun., March 18, 9:30 a.m. Jan Zekich Sun., March 18, 11:30 a.m. Antonia Kraljević, Anita Kosir, Ivanka Paraga



Sat., Mar. 17, 5:30 p.m. Ferro, Rudmin, Wilkie Sun., Mar. 18, 7:30 a.m. Insalaco, LoCoco Sun., Mar. 18, 9:30 a.m. Meo, Nowacki, Olague Sun., Mar. 18, 11:30 a.m. O. Paraga, D. Paraga, D. Jurković, I. Babić, S. Adjaip, M. Kosir

FOR RENT

- ▶ One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.
- ► Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312-671-2160.
- ▶ 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms), redecorated. 312-842-6176.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus began his mission with a call to repentance: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. The same call is addressed to us. The call to repentance is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus addressed it not just to sinners, but also to good people, and to all without exception. Do good people need to repent?

In the case of good people, the failure consists in the good they fail to do. In the parable about the barren fig tree, the tree is found wanting because

it failed to produce any figs at all.

Christians rarely ask themselves: What have I failed to do? Repentance is not merely turning away from evil, but it involves *producing the fruits* of good Christian living. It is a call away from the slavery of selfishness and sin, to a life of grace and of freedom to do good. It is a call away from a life of barrenness to a life of fruitfulness. It is a call to enter into the joy of the Kingdom, but it involves a process of growth and development — a continuous process of conversion.

Jesus' parable contains a warning and a threat. Its purpose is to show us what we may be missing out on, or lacking, in order that we might have a deeper, richer, and more authentic life. *Let those who think they are safe beware ... lest they fall.*

God is like a careful and patient gardener who can produce fruit from the most unpromising of trees. He will *help us* to produce in *our* lives the fruits of true repentance. So ask for help.

WISDOM'S CORNER

A little omission of kindness

William McKinley, the 25th U.S. President, once had to choose between two equally qualified men for a key job. He puzzled over the choice until he remembered a long-ago incident.

On a rainy night, McKinley had boarded a crowded streetcar. One of the men he was now considering had also been aboard, though he didn't see McKinley. Then an old woman carrying a basket of laundry struggle into the car, looking in vain for a seat. The job candidate pretended not to see her and kept his seat. McKinley gave up his seat to help her.

Remembering the episode, which he called "this little omission of kindness," McKinley decided against the man on the streetcar.

Our decisions in everyday life events — even the small, fleeting ones — tell a lot about our character.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"No one is so secure that he can't fall. No one is so fallen that he can't be redeemed."

A PRAYER FOR LENT

God of all mercy and steadfast love, we do not always live the way you want us to. Forgive us. Help us during this season of Lent to examine how we can be more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, your Son. Guide us in our pilgrimage of discipleship. May our words and actions truly reflect your will for us. 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: In the Church are there different ways of praying?

Answer: In the Church there are various ways of praying that are tied to different historical, social and cultural contexts. The Magisterium of the Church has the task of discerning <u>the fidelity</u> of these ways of praying <u>to the tradition of</u> <u>apostolic faith.</u> It is for pastors and catechists to explain their meaning which is <u>always related</u> to Jesus Christ.

Question: What, then, *is* the way of our prayer?

Answer: The way of our prayer <u>is Christ</u> because prayer is directed to God our Father but reaches him only if we pray—at least implicitly—in the name of Jesus. His humanity is in effect the only way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to our Father. Therefore liturgical prayers conclude with the formula: "<u>Through our Lord Jesus Christ</u>."

Adult Parish Social

Remember that our St. Jerome Adult Parish Social is this <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 16</u>, 7 to 10 p.m., in <u>our School Hall</u>. Come and increase the fellowship of our Parish! **Enjoy music** by **Jon Weber, Mario Romanovic** and **Nino Folino!** Enjoy great food too! But most of all enjoy connecting more deeply with our parish.

If you haven't told us yet that you're coming, call the rectory at 312-842-1871 today and leave a message.

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

Every Thursday come to a **double holy hour** in our church. The Adoration of the Body of Christ begins with prayer and devotions at 7 p.m., moves into a long period of profound silence, and concludes by 9 p.m. with a Benediction. *This Lent, try to learn the joy of adoring our Lord in contemplative silence.*

Come see our schoolchildren present to our parish a **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in our church.

Thank you for giving from the heart so generously to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

\$7,198.00 was collected and another <u>\$7,074.00</u> was pledged, giving \$14,272.00 as our parish's grand total!

Make sandwiches for hungry-or buy the food

Join the St. Jerome Youth Service Corps on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Hall kitchen. This year we're making PB&J as well as meat and cheese sandwiches. We donate to the Port Ministry's mobile unit which travels the city distributing sandwiches to the homeless, homebound and poor. All are welcome! <u>Pre-teens, teens and young</u> <u>adults especially invited!</u> Likewise, if anyone would be willing to monetarily help the sandwich project, please contact one of our priests. Money will be used to purchase the food as well as juice boxes, condiments and boxes of hot chocolate.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: AID FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

After decades of Communist persecution, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is working to rebuild churches and schools, supporting religious education programs, training seminarians, and expanding social ministries. Your generous help will aid these efforts of the universal Church as it seeks to grow and nourish the Faith in this heavily challenged region of the world.

Palacinka Breakfast on April 1, with Easter Bunny pictures, arts and craft sales & HSA's \$13,000 Raffle

St. Jerome's Home School Association is sponsoring its annual Palacinka Breakfast on Sunday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children. You will be given the choice of palacinka's or pancakes. Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. There will also be craft tables and raffle prizes.

The \$13,000 Raffle tickets are already on sale for \$100 each. The grand prize is \$10,000 and only 250 tickets are being sold. This drawing will be held on April 1 at 12:30 p.m. For raffle tickets, please contact Cathi Wilkie 312-808-0641 or Joan Wroblewski 773-847-1866. You can also get tickets from the school of-fice or the rectory.

Anyone interested in selling their crafts, the cost for a table is \$25. Please contact Joan at the above number to reserve your spot.

The Annual Palm Sunday Benefit sponsored by the Croatian Woman / Hrvatska Žena organization will be held April 1 in the Croatian Cultural Center. Contact members, including Nevenka at 773-525-8571, to purchase tickets for this worthy event. Proceeds this year go toward a chapel at Bleiburg.

Congratulations to our high schoolers from St. Jerome's!

• **Bobby Cannatello Jr.,** for achieving 2nd Honors at St. Ignatius College Prep.