

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 13, 2006**

7:30 A.M. Matilda Misetic Marie E. Sipich
Jela & Vidak Tokić ob. Anica Ostojić
Milka Kotarac Kotarac family

Tuesday – Utorak, March 14, 2006

7:30 A.M. Frank Marasso Marion Segvich
Kata Botica John & Gen Botica
Souls in Purgatory ob. Ivan Karačić

Wednesday – Srijeda, March 15, 2006

7:30 A.M. John Mikicich Giggie Cortese
Biserka Marusić Tomica i djeca
Fr. Marko Kozina Marasovich girls

Thursday – Četvrtak, March 16, 2006

7:30 A.M. Joseph Piccinni Chris & Matt Pesce
Deceased of Badrov family Pavo Badrov i ob.
8:05 A.M. For Parishioners

**Friday – Petak, March 17, 2006
St. Patrick's Day**

7:30 A.M. Luca Badrov Nevenka Badrov i ob.
Janja Grbeš Mary Fratto
John & Marge Sobocan Sutera family
Tom Hughes Catherine & Nick Perisin
Dominick Doria Anthony & Mary Doria

Saturday – Subota, March 18, 2006

7:30 A.M. Marija Bon Mirjana Šušnjara
Evelyn Condich Ron & Bunny Grakauski
Kathy Uremović (za zdravlje) roditelji
5:30 P.M. Frank Fratto family
Stana Erceg Mary Fratto
Paul Stasiak family
Joseph Zekich wife & children
Dec. of Thompson & Iozzo fam. Iozzo family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, March 19, 2006
St. Joseph's Day**

7:30 A.M. Joseph Locasto wife Carm & sons
Ante Balich family
Josipa Lovrinović Ivica Zeba family

9:30 A.M. JoMarie B. Scott Gail, Mom & Dad
John Insalaco, Sr. Insalaco family
Paul Krymski friend
Deceased of Bozich & Grzetich families Joe & El

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Ante Rodić ob. Rodić
Vinko Lišnić John Šušnjara & family
Jozo Martić Nevenka Badrov i ob.
Andrija i Luca Lišnić ob. Hostička
Andrija i Luca Lišnić sin Tomislav Lišnić sa ob.
Mary Alfievich Fenlon family & friends
Nikola Šumera ob. Jerko Šumera
Anđela Kadić Ivica i Frida Penović
Marija Bon Albina Pavletić
Ivan Vuković John i Mara Šuper i ob.



Saturday, Mar. 18, 5:30 P.M. Jan Ferro
Sunday, Mar. 19, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Sunday, Mar. 19, 9:30 A.M. Giggie Cortese
Sunday, Mar. 19, 11:00 A.M. Andjela Bajić, Ivana Krpan, Kristiana Jurković



Sat., Mar. 18, 5:30 P.M. B. Kenny, V. Kenny, Wilke
Sunday, Mar. 19, 7:30 A.M. A. Nero, P. Nero
Sunday, Mar. 19, 9:30 A.M. Gonzalez, Insalaco, Passi
Sunday, Mar. 19, 11:00 A.M. C.J. Bušljeta, O. Paraga, D. Jureta, M. Kikaš, S. Ivezić

FOR RENT

- ▶ Two apts. in 2 flat bldg, all new. 773 775 7541.
- ▶ Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582
- ▶ Apt 28th/Princeton, Quiet 2 bdrm, clean, sunlight, non-smoking bldg. No pets. Central air/heat, stove top, oven, fridge incl. Free laundry facility in bldg. \$800 mo. plus 1 mo. sec. dep. Credit check & ref. a must. Leave message 9 AM-7 PM 312 501 0918.

FOR SALE

- ▶ 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773 704 7302

WEEKLY MEDITATION—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Perhaps Jesus climbed to the top of Mount Tabor to reflect. He certainly had a marvelous experience there—a Transfiguration. He heard those wonderful words: "You are my beloved Son; I am pleased with you." In other words, he heard how much God loved him. This assurance helped strengthen him for facing the future and whatever it held.

Often our problem is that as soon

as we run into trouble, our faith begins to fail us. We begin to think that maybe God has abandoned us. Yet, if we pray, we will come to realize that God has not abandoned us—he is present in our suffering.

At all times, but especially in times of difficulty, we should remember what St. Paul wrote: "God is on our side." With God on our side, we can face anything.

To know that nothing can separate

us from the love of God is our strength in times of weakness and our hope in times of adversity. In the face of pain, all we have to do is abandon ourselves to his care.

Like Jesus on Mount Tabor, we too experience rare moments of light and joy. We get glimpses of the promised land towards which we travel in faith. In his love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come.

BAPTISMS

Our St. Jerome Parish family welcomes into the Church

AMELIA TRINITY BEZANES and
ANGELA FAITH BEZANES,

the twin daughters of Thomas and Leslie (nee Valenti) Bezanes. The Godparents are Maura Slattery-Boyle, Ross J. Valenti, Rosalie Valenti-Tocco and Dino Bezanes.

Congratulations to the parents, Godparents, family and friends, and God bless little Amelia and Angela!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Cardinal George has granted permission to Catholics in our Archdiocese to eat meat on St. Patrick's Feast Day, March 17, which falls on Friday this year. Those Catholics who do eat meat that day are requested by the Cardinal to practice a different form of penance (such as praying or giving to the poor) that day.

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY DURING LENT, Catholics 14 years old and older are expected to abstain from eating meat (fish is OK). *Of course expectant and nursing moms and the sick are not required to abstain from meat.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN ENGLISH ARE FRIDAYS AT 7 P.M.

Lenten Reconciliation Service set to prepare ourselves for Easter

At the start of Holy Week, the final week before Easter, come and celebrate the Sacrament of Confession at a St. Jerome service held Palm Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

News on Mass intentions

The schedule of Mass intentions for March, April and May is full. Masses are being accepted for 2007 at this point. (Our goal is to have 2 intentions per Weekday Mass, 3 intentions per English Sunday Mass, and 6 intentions at the Croatian Mass.) Please take this into account when you want to schedule Mass intentions.

WISDOM'S CORNER

What should we honor?

One day a king assembled his courtiers. He handed the minister a glowing pearl and asked, "What would you say this is worth?"

"More than a hundred donkeys could carry," the minister replied.

"Break it," the king ordered.

"Sir, how could I waste your resources like that?"

The king presented him with a robe of honor for his answer and took back the pearl.

Then he gave it to the chamberlain asking, "What would it sell for?"

"Half a kingdom," the chamberlain replied.

"Break it," the king ordered.

"Sir, my hand could not move to do such a thing."

The king rewarded him with a robe of honor and increased his salary. And so it went with each of the royal courtiers, one by one imitating the minister and chamberlain, and being rewarded with new wealth.

Lastly, the pearl was given to a lowly serf. "Can you say how splendid it is?" the king inquired.

"It is more than I can say," he humbly replied.

"Break it into tiny pieces," ordered the king. The serf immediately took two stones and crushed the pearl.

The courtiers screamed at his recklessness saying, "You fool! How could you do that?"

The poor serf answered simply, "What the king says is worth more than any pearl. I honor the king, not some colored stone." The courtiers immediately fell to their knees and begged the king's forgiveness so that he would not banish them. The serf pleaded for the king to have mercy on them. The king honored his request.

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"You are never so strong as when you forgive."

Annual Croatian American Association banquet is next Saturday night at Center

A featured guest speaker at this year's Croatian American Association annual banquet is Anto Đapić, the mayor of Osijek and the president of the HSP. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., at the Croatian Cultural Center. Tickets for \$50 are available from CAA members. Call 708-352-3354 for more.

Pancake Breakfast, \$13,000.00 Raffle sponsored by St. Jerome School H.S.A.

Tickets are now on sale for the \$13,000.00 raffle at the Palacinka Breakfast. The raffle will be held on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. Only 250 tickets are printed - so hurry to buy your ticket for \$100.00. The Grand Prize is \$10,000.00. The second- and third-place prizes are \$1,000.00 each; the fourth- and fifth-place prizes are \$500.00 each. For tickets, contact the Rectory at 312-842-1871, Cathi Wilkie 312-808-0641, or the School Office at 312-842-7668.

'Croatian Woman' is putting on its Annual Palm Sunday Humanitarian Luncheon

Every Palm Sunday, the organization "Croatian Woman"/"Hrvatska Žena" puts on a luncheon whose proceeds go to humanitarian help for those most in need in the Croatian homeland. You can purchase tickets for this **Sunday, April 9** luncheon from members of the "Croatian Woman" organization.

On Thursday, June 8, the White Sox will have 'St. Jerome Croatian Night'

As our parish begins its summer of preparing for the 100th Anniversary of our Velika Gospa Procession, we will have a community event with the World Champion White Sox. We will soon begin selling our reserved tickets (in right field) for the Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m. game against Detroit.

Hear an amazing Catholic preacher,

Fr. Larry Richards, speak on Lent this Sunday at 5 p.m. on Relevant Radio 82 AM.

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 180,396
February Donations Thus Far:	\$ 175
Needed for monthly mortgage payment:	\$ 11,900

Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!

A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois

Presented by Mayor Richard M. Daley on March 1, 2006

Whereas, In the early afternoon of January 25, 2006, Lieutenant Joseph Kish of the Chicago Fire Department's 2nd District was off duty and doing volunteer repair work at his son's school, St. Jerome School on the 2800 block of South Princeton, when a woman told him that a building one block north was on fire; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Kish immediately went to the scene to find a 3-story apartment building, with fire and heavy smoke blowing out of the 3rd-floor front window. Realizing that the residents were in desperate peril, he started up the exterior stairwell leading to a locked and unused 2nd-floor door. After repeatedly kicking with all his strength at the deadbolt lock, Lt. Kish slammed off one of the hinges, allowing him to remove the door and proceed; and

WHEREAS, After calling 9-1-1 on his cell phone and stating that he was about to venture deeper into the burning building, Lt. Kish climbed the stairs to the 3rd floor, where he encountered another locked door, which he forced open; and

WHEREAS, Jolted into action by the noise of Lt. Kish's efforts, numerous residents grabbed their children and fled from the lower floors to the safety of the outdoors. As the residents ran outside, Lt. Kish heard them yelling to each other in Chinese. He tried to determine whether anyone remained in the burning building, but none of the residents spoke English; and

WHEREAS, Realizing that he had only himself to rely on, Lt. Kish continued with his rescue efforts, crawling through a front room that was by now totally engulfed in flames. His years of training and experience told him that the rear bedrooms of the apartment were where the occupants would likely be found, so he pressed on; and

WHEREAS, Entering the first bedroom, Lt. Kish found a 50-year-old man, disoriented by fear and stumbling aimlessly in an effort to escape. He steered the man to a rear exit door and directed him to continue downstairs. Lt. Kish tried to talk to the man to find out if others remained in the building, but again was thwarted by the language barrier; and

WHEREAS, **Plunging back into the inferno**, Lt. Kish quickly searched the remaining rooms but found no other victims. At this point he realized that he must exit before he, too, became trapped by the raging fire. As he was coming out of the front doorway, he was met by arriving firefighters from Engine 8 and Truck 4. Lt. Kish reassured them that all the residents had been evacuated, then helped to direct the efforts to attack the fire; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Kish showed exceptional valor in battling his way into a burning building without any protective gear, breathing apparatus or hose line support. His bravery is even more remarkable in that he had returned to active duty just two days earlier as a result of injuries he recently sustained in a West Side blaze; injuries so severe that Lt. Kish had needed months of medical treatment and skin grafts; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Kish, acting in the highest traditions of the Chicago Fire Department, displayed the **courage, quick thinking and selflessness** that exemplify Chicago Firefighters; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this first day of March, 2006, do hereby congratulate Lt. Joseph Kish of the Chicago Fire Department on his dramatic and effective rescue.