

MASS INTENTIONS**Easter Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 24, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Danica Maroš Mila Modrić i ob.
 Connie Fratto Mary
 Mary Harzich Adelaide Swida & family
 Mom Ange daughter Pamela
 Ken Mays friend
 Na nakanu Ilija Zelić

Easter Tuesday – Utorak, March 25, 2008

7:30 a.m. Dominik Velčić sestre
 Michael Roscich family
 Peter "Bush" Caruso Ross
 Filimena & Viktorija Četković Evica Vukotić

Easter Wednesday – Srijeda, March 26, 2008

7:30 a.m. Matija Ćubić Debby
 Angie Modrich nephew Dennis Modrich
 Jeanne Zekich Michaelina & Jerry Considine
 Angela "Snooky" Valenti family

Easter Thursday – Četvrtak, March 27

7:30 a.m. Charles Bertucci Debby & Mary
 Margaret Marcello Pace family
 Red Marcello Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Christopher Mileta Toni Alfirevich

Easter Friday – Petak, March 28, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mary Mandl family
 Dragica Lasić ob. Rodić
 Lili Stolfe Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Ilija i Stana Vukotić Evica Vukotić

Easter Saturday – Subota, March 29

7:30 a.m. Michael Roscich (2nd Anniv.) family
 Rose Capinegro Marion
 Monda Rizzo Kish family
 Gus Rodich Josephine Hanson

5:30 p.m. Mike Iozzo (5th Anniv.) Iozzo family
 Eliseo Pena (3rd Anniv.) Yvonne & Gabriel Montoya
 Connie Fratto Frank & Luanne Munizzi
 Frank Szatkowski Kenny family
 Carmen & Eva Butera family
 Ralph Passi wife
 Dolly Basso Rita & Chris Johnston

Divine Mercy Sunday – Nedjelja, March 30, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Ante Balich family
 Josephine Grubisic-Cabo John & Gen Botica
 Philip & Rose Marie DiMenza family
 Carol Herrera Meo family
 Caroline "Dolly" Basso Cuomo family

9:30 a.m.

Ray Miski Perseghin family
 Mary & Evelyn Miloslavich Bruno & Gael Bertucci
 Mary Harzich Mary Vucinic
 Angie Modrich Jacob Modrich
 Antonio Puccini family
 Deceased of Nano family family
 Living & deceased family members Diane Krolo
 Health of Allen Govic Drury Lane

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić Joe Kirinčić
 Kata Draženović Tomo i Mandica Skukan
 Danica Maroš ob. Stipe Tokić
 Štefa Šego ob. Žignić
 Vlado i Ivan Škaro David i Kathy Škaro
 Katherine Halambek ob. Penavić
 Robert Jurlina Jurlina family
 Marko Rudman-Livaja (2nd Anniv.) obitelj
 Andirja i Tuna Štrbić ob. Vesna Mlinarich
 Mladen Bugarija Jelica Šimunić
 Ivan Plivelić ob. Obranović
 Augustin Rodich obitelj
 Kathy Uremović ob. Uremović
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. iz ob. Bralo ob. Zdenka Barun
 Pok. iz ob. Belan i Kralj ov. Ivan Belan

**Lectors**

Sat., March 29, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto
Sun., March 30, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic
Sun., March 30, 9:30 a.m. Jan Zekich
Sun., March 30, 11 a.m. Davorka Toromanović,
 Mario Ivančić, Mario Pehar

**ALTAR SERVERS**

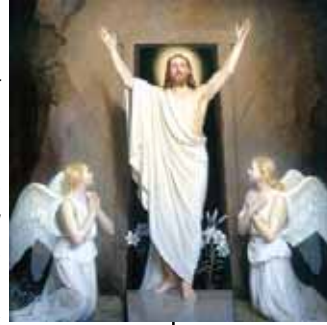
Sat., Mar. 29, 5:30 p.m. Babich, C. Garcia, S. Garcia
Sun., Mar. 30, 7:30 a.m. M. Meo, R. Meo
Sun., Mar. 30, 9:30 p.m. Iglesias, C. Perseghin,
 M. Perseghin
Sun., Mar. 30, 11:00 a.m. D. Paraga, K. Cikoch,
 D. Jurković, M. Golub, I. Jurković, M. Kikaš

WEEKLY MEDITATION for Easter Sunday

This is a day for celebration! This is the day Christ broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. We, his followers, share in his great victory over sin and death.

The Resurrection infuses the human spirit with authentic hope. There is a lot of tragedy in life. Good things are destroyed; good people are cut down. Jesus, too, was cut down, but he rose again. This makes all the difference. The Resurrection shows that

God's love is stronger than death. The Resurrection of Jesus is intimately tied to the resurrection of humanity saved by him. In entering fully into human life, including death, Jesus showed himself our Brother. In the Resurrection, he showed himself a Savior to all his brothers and sisters, pointing the way for all by leading the



way along the road of obedience and suffering.

At Easter we still can feel the pain of the world, pain in our families and among our friends, and pain in our hearts. Easter doesn't magically eliminate pain, but Easter does give meaning to suffering and it lights up our lives by renewing courage and hope.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Death overcome

As long as the sun comes over the hills, scatters the darkness, and fills the world with light; as long as the fields get green again, and the primroses and violets return; as long as the trees fill up again with leaves, there is hope for us and for the world. So come, let us follow the footsteps of his Resurrection, for the snow has melted, and life is awakening from its sleep and wanders through the hills and valleys. Come, let us ascend the heights and gaze upon the waving greenness of the hope-filled plains below. O come, let us rejoice on Easter Day, for death has folded up his tent and gone away, replaced by the promise of eternal life in him.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**Because of the Resurrection,
life is stronger than death;
love is stronger than fear;
hope is stronger than despair!**

Franciscan Friars: 1209-2009, and beyond...

On this Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the Resurrection, we continue our gradual look at the Franciscan Friars as they approach their 800th birthday as a Religious Order. With the Good News of the Resurrection firmly in mind, we want to share some amazingly good news from the past week about the impact that St. Francis is still having in reshaping the Modern World, including helping to end the Cold War:

Mikhail Gorbachev visits tomb of St. Francis in Assisi and says: "It was through St. Francis that I arrived at the Church"

The last leader of the atheistic Soviet Union (which dissolved in 1991) paid a surprise visit to pray at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi, and he revealed for the first time that even though he had publicly professed to be an atheist, he was in reality a Christian believer.

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev spent half an hour on his knees in silent prayer at Francis's tomb. Hardly anyone recognized the 77-year-old former leader of the Soviet empire.

Gorbachev told a Franciscan friar that St. Francis's "story fascinates me and has played a fundamental role in my life." All Christians are called to make themselves resemble as much as possible Jesus Christ, and – in Gorbachev's eyes – St. Francis was the example of an "alter Christus," which means "another Christ." Gorbachev expressed great interest in seeing a famous icon showing how God guided Francis away from a life as a soldier and toward a life with Christ.

Many historians assert that Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II were primarily responsible for the peaceful end in 1991 of the Cold War, which had threatened the world with nuclear holocaust for several decades. Although baptized a Russian Orthodox Christian as a child, Gorbachev professed Marxism throughout his career in the Communist Party. Even so, Reagan allegedly told confidants several times that he felt that Gorbachev was a "closet believer."

(Sources: "La Stampa" of Turin, Italy and "Daily Telegraph" of London)



Mikhail Gorbachev during his visit to the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi

May you have a blest & joyous Easter!

From your Franciscan Friars — Fr. Joe, Fr. Ivan and Brother Joe

Coming Events

- ◆ Sunday, April 13 our St. Jerome Youth Service Corps is sponsoring a **Blood Drive** from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our School Hall — please see the poster in the back of the church for more details or call Janel at 773-510-4792.
- ◆ Sunday, May 4 — **First Communion** Mass at 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, May 9 — **Croatian-American Day on Daley Plaza** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, May 31, St. Jerome School **Graduation Mass**.
- ◆ Tuesday, June 3 — **St. Jerome Night at White Sox Park**. Tickets are available now and are on the lower level of the stadium. Catch a foul ball!
- ◆ Friday, June 6 — **Ordination to the Priesthood** of our deacon, Brother Joe, and fellow Franciscan, Brother Velimir
- ◆ Monday, June 30 — First St. Jerome Parish **School Golf Outing**.

The new Croatian Franciscan Herald has arrived and is available in the back of the Church.

It is full of beautiful pictures and articles in English and Croatian, and it features a cover photo of five young people from St. Jerome's in our church.



'ON THE TOWN' group

Please join us for our first outing-dinner at Franconello's at 1301 S. Halsted, on Thursday April 17 at 7 p.m. We will have a set menu costing about \$25 a person, without cocktails. Please let us know if you would like to join us by Monday, March 31, so that we can secure enough seating. For reservations, call: Jan Ferro at 312-225-9751, Cathy Amato at 312-326-3805, and Joan Sipich at 312-326-3205.

Jesus, I trust in You



Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday — the second Sunday of the Easter season is dedicated in a special way to remembering the Mercy of Jesus. We will prayerfully express our gratitude for Divine Mercy at a prayer service at 3 p.m.

Thank you, to the dedicated parishioners who lovingly prepared our church for the feast of Easter via a thorough top-to-bottom cleaning. Thank you as well to all whose flower donations beautified our church this Easter. Our gratitude goes out in a special way to all of our parish's creative people who provide decorations and music to heighten the soul in these profound days of celebration. And finally, our deep appreciation must be expressed for the community of worshipers — especially altar servers and other liturgical ministers — who came to Lenten devotions, to Holy Thursday, to Good Friday and to the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. *May God reward you!*

Congratulations the winners of the \$13,000 Palacinka Breakfast Raffle!

The 1st place winners, of a total of \$10,000, were the team of John Renardo, Frank Pulido and Michael Rafalin. The 2nd place winners, of a total of \$1,000, were the team of Stasiak, Johnston, Bradlo, Sperando and Perisin. The 3rd place winner, of \$1,000, was Gil Broderick. The 4th place winners, of a total of \$500, was a team called "4th Grade Class Plus" with ten members. Finally, the 5th place winner of \$500 was Josephine Vitale. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the 1st place winner was drawn first; 2nd place was drawn second, etc., but the winners were announced in the opposite order, concluding with the 1st place winners. In this manner, *everyone* had a chance to get the \$10,000. Thank you to all who participated in the Raffle, and to all whose hard work made the Palacinka Breakfast such a success.

If you would like to register your child at St. Jerome School, please complete the one-page form in the back of the church. Call the School Office at 312-842-7668 for more.