

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 6, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Josip Nagy ob. Stipe Tokić  
Matija Prskalo Laura & John Perseghin

**Tuesday – Utorak, March 7, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Stana Erceg Scalise family  
Frank Marasso Jim & Jeanette Bertucci  
Maria Bon Valeria Babić

**Wednesday – Srijeda, March 8, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Frank Marasso Jimmy Bertucci  
George Bozich Club Poljica

**Thursday – Četvrtak, March 9, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Evelyn Condich Milena Badrov  
Anton Beretić supruuga i ob.

**8:05 A.M.** For Parishioners

**Friday – Petak, March 10, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome  
Anica Lerotić kći Ivanka i ob.

**Saturday – Subota, March 11, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Rose Crispo Debby Kodzoman  
Mate Badrov Pavo Badrov i ob.  
Ivan Vuković Mladen Lončar i ob.

**5:30 P.M.** Stana Erceg Mary Fratto  
Ivan Pavić ob. Petar Pavić  
John Patrick Moriarty Jon Weber  
Dennis DiCaro Barbara Dzialakiewicz  
Lucille Silich Pavletić/Mladenov fam.

**Sunday – Nedjelja, March 12, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Evelyn Condich Mary Condic  
Deceased of Kraslen family brothers  
Ed Vucinic Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Ana Krijan Debby Kodzoman  
Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce

**9:30 A.M.** Joseph Bozich Gabric Boosters  
Martin Vidovich Toni Zaninović  
John Mikicich Juliana Perisin & Charles DiCaro  
Mark Bozich Vera & family  
For the sick of the parish Parish Council

**11:00 A.M. u spomen**

Vinko Lišnić Ankica Došen  
Lenny & Steve Bajić ob. Hostička  
Mary Alfievich Fenlon family & friends  
Željko Galić ob. Vesna Jureta  
Pero, Janja i Damjan Puljić ob. Boro i Olga Puljić  
Leonard Bajić Vanessa Bajić  
Branimir Mikulić sestra Ljubica Rogić i ob.  
Andrija i Tuna Strbić kći Vesna Mlinarich sa ob.  
Pok. iz ob. Škaro ob. Škaro  
Pok. iz ob. Karačić Ivan i Ivica Karačić  
Za zdravlje Kati Uremović Mile i Maria Uremović

**Lectors**

**Saturday, Mar. 11, 5:30 P.M.** Mary Fratto

**Sunday, Mar. 12, 7:30 A.M.** Matt Pesce

**Sunday, Mar. 12, 9:30 A.M.** Giggie Cortese

**Sunday, Mar. 12, 11:00 A.M.** Ivica Kuhtić-Hrdjun,  
Mate Žaper, Mario Pehar

**ALTAR  
SERVERS**

**Sat., Mar. 11, 5:30 P.M.** Ferro, C. Garcia, S. Garcia

**Sunday, Mar. 12, 7:30 A.M.** M. Olague, S. Olague

**Sunday, Mar. 12, 9:30 A.M.** Parish Council

**Sunday, Mar. 12, 11:00 A.M.** Ante Kraljević,  
Adrijana Kraljević, D. Kikaš, K. Cikoch

**FOR RENT**

- ▶ 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, carpeting, cable 312 593 2864.
- ▶ Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582
- ▶ Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312 671 2160
- ▶ 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.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent touches something in us all. The sight of Jesus fasting and praying in the desert moves us, but it also forces us to look at our lives. It challenges us to improve ourselves, but often our efforts at renewal do not go deep enough. If we want to wear a new garment, we must set the old ones aside. And the wearing of *this* "new garment" will involve a new way of living.

Moreover, if we wish to change

some of the troubling outer aspects of our lives, we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. Lent calls us to command ourselves and make ourselves do what needs to be done. The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Even though repentance and prayer are always appropriate, they are especially appropriate during Lent. There is

such a thing as a moment of grace. Lent is a great window of opportunity. Lent is the Church's "holy spring," a good time for a holy spring cleaning.

What do we have to do? In short: turn away from sin and toward love; be kind; act justly; and walk humbly with God. As we begin the journey toward Easter, may the Lord help us to let go of the "old rags" of sin so that he may "clothe" us in the newness of life.

### Increase your praying in Lent:

*Join in the Stations of the Cross devotion at St. Jerome's*

- *in English at 7 p.m. Fridays,*
- *with the School at 1:45 p.m. Fridays*
- *in Croatian at 10:30 a.m., before the Sunday Croatian Mass.*



### Why do we pray the Way of the Cross (or the Stations of the Cross) during Lent?

The Way of the Cross represents 14 particular events experienced by Jesus as he walked to Calvary. The devotion began in the early Church when pilgrims traveled to Jerusalem to retrace Jesus' exact steps. Then and today, the devotion helps us to contemplate the deepest meanings of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, especially during Lent as we prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter.

### 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 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.*

This Lent, feed your soul with Good Media while you commute, run errands or putter around:

*Listen to Catholic Relevant Radio 82 AM.*

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Change of Habit

Once a king was walking through the streets of the capital city when he came upon a beggar who immediately asked him for money. The king didn't give him any money. Instead, he invited him to visit him in his palace. The beggar accepted the king's offer.

On the appointed day, the beggar made his way to the royal palace and was duly ushered into the king's presence. However, as he came into the king's presence, he became acutely conscious of his rags and felt ashamed of them. They were an eloquent symbol of the wretchedness of his life.

The king, an exceptionally kind man, received him warmly, took pity on him, and, among other things, gave him a new suit of clothes. However, a few days later the beggar was back begging on the streets dressed in his old rags.

Why did he give up the new suit? Because he knew that to wear it would mean that he would have to live a new life. It would mean giving up the life of a beggar. This he was not prepared to do. It wasn't that the new life didn't appeal to him. It did. It was just that he knew that a change of life would be slow, painful, and uncertain. In other words, he was too steeped in habit to change.

**Challenge yourself to change a sinful habit this Lent.**

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### THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Sometimes it's holding on that makes one strong.  
Sometimes it's letting go."

## Healing Mass for the Sick

St. Jerome Parish will hold a Mass of Healing for the sick, the injured, the elderly and all suffering seriously in mind, body or spirit at the Sunday, March 12 Mass at 9:30 a.m. The Catholic **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be available as we seek the grace of physical and spiritual healing.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY**

All members of the St. Jerome Parish Council are asked to attend its meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Small Hall.

### **HEALTH AND FAMILY ISSUES**

***'I would like to learn more about \_\_\_\_\_'***

If you are interested in hearing talks, seminars or discussion panels on how to handle **family troubles, marriage difficulties, alcohol and drug problems**, or even ordinary, everyday challenges, let Fr. Joe or Fr. Ivan know. We hope that our parish may arrange that experts in these fields would come and teach us all how to work constructively on these problems. Our families are the foundation of our Church and our society.

### ***100th Anniversary of Velika Gospa***

On August 15, 2006, Assumption Day (or "Velika Gospa" in Croatian), we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish's celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Sinj (or "Gospa Sinjska"). In preparation for this historic event, **we are gathering "Velika Gospa" memorabilia**. Please let us know of anything you might have that we could borrow such as **pictures, negatives, film, video, etc., particularly from the early years**. Any items or information would be appreciated!

### **A LENTEN EVENING TO REMEMBER:**

The "St. Matthew Passion" by Johann Sebastian Bach will be performed **Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.** in beautiful St. John Cantius Catholic Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago. This 3-hour masterpiece on Jesus' passion and death is considered by many to be "the greatest religious music ever written." Tickets are \$25 (students with I.D.: \$10), and doors open at 6:30 p.m. (For much more, call 312-243-7373 or go to [www.cantius.org/passion](http://www.cantius.org/passion))

**A CAREGIVER IS AVAILABLE** to give in-home assistance from Monday through Friday. For more information, call Carol Caputo at 773 254 8344.

## **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.

### **Lenten Reconciliation Service to prepare our parishioners 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 Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

### **News on Mass Intentions**

The schedule of Mass intentions for **March, April and most of May is full**. Please take this into account when you want to schedule Mass intentions.

### **St. Jerome Property Fund**

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

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