

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, May 8, 2006**

7:30 A.M. Patsy Capone Ann Contino
Hazel Nardi Catherine & Nick Perisin

Tuesday – Utorak, May 9, 2006

7:30 A.M. Vinko i Nediljka Lišnić obitelj
Edward Vucinic Frano & Carol Marasovich
Kata Botica Josephine Hanson

Wednesday – Srijeda, May 10, 2006

7:30 A.M. Josephine Odo Jane & Bob Pearlman
Peter Perisin family
Peter & Fran Dundon (for health) Jon Weber

Thursday – Četvrtak, May 11, 2006

7:30 A.M. Evelyn Condich Mary Kozina Rodriguez
Henry Palmisano Catherine & Nick Perisin

8:05 A.M. Parishioners

Friday – Petak, May 12, 2006

7:30 A.M. Ivan Vuković John & Mara Šuper i ob.
Josephine Odo Frank Louzon family
Marko Radman-Livaja ob. Božo i Stoja Kosir

Saturday – Subota, May 13, 2006

7:30 A.M. Rose Polacek John & Gen Botica
Martin Edward Weber Jon Weber
Branimir Mikulić Josip i Kata Bajzec

5:30 P.M. Tony Fratto family
Jonas Jasas Bernice Tobar
John Mladinov family family
James Sutera (2nd anniv.) Sutera family
Sophie & Ralph Bonello Patricia Granato & fam.
Dec. of Thompson & Iozzo families Iozzo family

Sunday – Nedjelja, May 14, 2006

7:30 A.M. Rose Polacek Jan & Ken Zekich
Michael Smajo friends from Baxter
Michaeleen Kudulis family
Claire Narel family
Visko & Clara Cecich family
Deceased of Kraslen family brothers

9:30 A.M. Concetta Bartuca Annie
Grace Borovina C. Borovina
Alice Insalaco Insalaco family
Catherine Madia (Scalise) daughter Eleanor
Catherine Madia Novicki family
Ann & Sam De Gregorio Senerchia family
In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje NN

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Augustin Mišetić ob. Rodić
Vinko Lišnić Stanley & Marija Vlasić
Ivo Gregor Catherine Gesior
Robert Jurlina ob. Jurlina
Ljuba Kralj Ljubica i Ivan Belan
Mato i Manda Barac ob. Golub
Marijana Čubelić Anka Pervan
Ankica Bublich kćerke
Lucille Silich Robert & Chris Catizone
fra Silvije Grubisić, ofm ob. Ivo Kosir
Pave Zgela Mare Zgela i ob.
Za žrtve Bleiberga Ivica Penavić

**Lectors**

Sat., May 13, 5:30 P.M. Michael Passarelli

Sun., May 14, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sun., May 14, 9:30 A.M. Family Mass

Sun., May 14, 11:00 A.M. Ana Ivezić, Anita Kosir,
Zrinka Jureta

**ALTAR
SERVERS**

Sat., May 13, 5:30 P.M. B. Kenny, Raddatz,
Segvich

Sun., May 14, 7:30 A.M. Insalaco, Miloslavich

Sun., May 14, 9:30 A.M. Iglesias, Passi,
Perseghin

Sun., May 14, 11:00 A.M. M. Kikaš, K. Kristić, D.
Paraga, D. Jureta, A. Barun

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► 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms), redecorated. 312 842 6176.

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► Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312 671 2160.

► One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312 225 7959.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The performance of a *duty* — even the faithful performance of such — can result in a withering of the heart when a person is not motivated by love.

Jesus gives us a good example of this in his parable of the hireling and the Good Shepherd. For the hireling, minding the sheep is just a job. He's in it only for the wages. He doesn't know the sheep or care about them. The sheep suffer as a result. For the Good

Shepherd, minding the sheep is not just a job. It is a way of life, a vocation. He knows his sheep and cares about them, to the point that he is prepared to risk his life to save them. The sheep thrive as a result.

What makes the Good Shepherd so different from the hireling is the fact that he loves what he does. He is interested in it and dedicated to it. This doesn't make it any easier, but it en-

ables him to bring all his energies to it. If you love what you do, the energy will be given to you. Not only does the work benefit, but the worker benefits too — it brings out the best in one. To work like this, is to be free.

As Christians we are invited to try to see our work, whatever it happens to be, as a service to others. If we do, then we are being good shepherds. Let your work make your love visible.

Good Shepherd/Vocations Sunday

Are you a young man being called by God to be a Good Shepherd?

What should a young man do if he senses that God may want *him* to be a *priest*?

This is an extremely appropriate question to consider today on **Vocation Awareness Sunday**: How does a young man become **aware** of a **vocation** (a call) **from God**? God rarely calls people to the priesthood in a loud and obvious manner. God usually calls through whispers to the heart, through the Holy Spirit that has dwelled in each of our hearts since our baptisms. How does a young man *hear* the whisperings and *feel* the inspiration of the Holy Spirit calling *him in particular* to be a priest? PRAY, PRAY, PRAY. And then pray some more.

Use Jesus as a model. Whenever Jesus had a momentous question to resolve (for example, who was God calling to be his 12 Apostles), Jesus went off to be alone and PRAY, PRAY, PRAY. He would sometimes pray all night. In the Garden of Gethsemane, he prayed so hard over the momentous question of whether or not to sacrifice his life on the cross that "his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground."

A young man deciding whether God is calling him to be a priest is facing a Garden of Gethsemane question: Whether or not to sacrifice his life on the cross of priesthood. Being a priest means sacrificing having a wife and kids. A tremendous sacrifice. But to someone truly called to be a priest, God will give other tremendous joys — just ask any satisfied priest.

So pray about it. To pray well, you need to **live well**. Live a good and **unselfish** life — loving God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. And praying well requires **silence**. Carve out time for prayer away from constant electronic buzz and the buzz of worries. And don't always talk during prayer — **listen** too. Furthermore, a priest will serve **in** the Church, not by himself. So **connect** with a priest or vocation director to see if you have a genuine call to the priesthood. Pray alone, but don't be a unconnected loner. Try to be good, try to be mature (**goodness and maturity** are essential for any calling — priestly or married life). And **be not afraid**. If God wants you to be a priest, a Good Shepherd for his flock, God will speak to your heart and give you strength to follow through.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Good Shepherd Gave His Life

Philip Lawrence was the headmaster at St. George's Catholic School in London, England. On a December day in 1995 he was stabbed outside his school while trying to protect one of his pupils who was being attacked by a gang, and died as a result of his wounds.

He was voted "Personality of the Year" by listeners to a BBC Radio 4's *Today* program. He received thousands more votes than the Prime Minister. Philip's wife said that her husband would probably have been extremely embarrassed by all of that. He was very modest, to the point of being self-deprecating.

It is heartening to know that people still recognize the greatness of an act of self-sacrifice like this. It is also especially inspiring to know that someone can do such an act and look on it as something normal and natural.

Philip Lawrence was a Good Shepherd to his pupils. It was unthinkable for him to allow one of them to be attacked without intervening to help.

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above." — James 1:16

WEDDING BANS

Šime Zebić & Michelle Žaper (III)
David Bennett & GERALYN Catino (II)
Peter Miller & Ivana Krnjača (I)



THE MAY CROWNING will be held **this Thursday evening**, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the church. Please join us for this special devotion to Our Lady. It is a beautiful way to gather together in prayer to honor Mary as our Queen and Mother.

Next Week's Second Collection:

Catholic Charities' Mother's Day Appeal

Please support the life-giving work of Catholic Charities by contributing to next weekend's collection for the Archdiocese taken at all the Masses. Help programs reach out at 157 Chicago area locations to compassionately help moms, the hearts of the families served by the Archdiocese. Your generosity makes this possible. Thank you!



Also on Mother's Day next week, the **Knights of Columbus** will be in front of our church collecting donations for mothers in distress.

11th Ward "Boy of the Year 2006": In a competition involving eight schools in the 11th Ward, **Brian Kenny** of St. Jerome's won top honors among the young men. The 11th Ward Democratic Party sponsored the contest. Congratulations to Brian and his family!

We send out our congratulations to honor student **Markie Racinowski**, a St. Jerome graduate for achieving "B Honor" status in the 3rd quarter at Mother McAuley High School!

The Croatian Almanac for 2006 has arrived. It is a very interesting 220 pages available at the Parish Office for \$20. (It is also available in the Small Hall after the Croatian Mass.)

Event Cancellation: Organizers have canceled the Ladies' Texas Hold'em set for Friday, May 19. The new date is to be determined and will be announced.

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 183,671
April Donations Thus Far:	\$ 1,775
Needed for monthly mortgage payment:	\$ 11,900

OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

We congratulate our children and ask God to bless them at their first reception of Jesus. May Jesus continue to feed and strengthen them every week for the rest of their lives.



Dominique Arcieri
Julianna Babich
Nicolina Balazs
Natalie Bova
Kayla Candos
Frank Cannatello
Ana Ciabrone
Caitlyn Dore
Gabriella Galvan
William Gaylord
John Gaylord
Marina Golub
Alex Insalaco
Joseph Kish

Mario Kosir
Nina Lucente
Marissa Meo
Theodore Mossman
Edward Norton
Catherine Perseghin
Jacob Reyes
Joseph Sabbia
Alexa Sheehy
Anthony Susnjara
Kristina Tadic
Renato Tadic
Adam Vazquez

This Friday is "Croatian Day at Daley Plaza"

In what is becoming an annual tradition for Croatians to showcase their culture and homeland in the heart of downtown, "Croatian Day at Daley Plaza" will be held on Friday, May 12, **from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with a cultural program beginning at 11:30 a.m.** Take some time off to come and enjoy the performances, the displays, the food, the crafts and the good company. *Please pray for good weather!*

Velika Gospa—Assumption Day planning meeting will be held **Thursday, May 18 at 8 p.m. in the Small Hall.** Everyone who wants to help is welcome to come. Help our 100th Velika Gospa shine!

After our initial set of White Sox tickets have sold out, more have been obtained. Please don't wait too long to buy them or to get on the waiting list. The "St. Jerome Croatian Night" Game starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 8. The cost is \$28.

The Truth About *The Da Vinci Code*: Separating Fact from Fiction

Come hear Prof. Edward Sri, author of "The Da Vinci Deception," speak about "The Da Vinci Code" novel and movie on **Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m.** in St. Jerome School Hall. Admission is free.

