MASS INTENTIONS



Monday - Ponedjeljak, December 1, 2008

7:30 a.m. Patricia Witte
Colleen Vickers
Paul DiCaro
Scully Scalise
Ginny Vulich
Catherine & Nick Perisin
grandchildren
Louis Scalise family

Tuesday – Utorak, December 2, 2008

7:30 a.m. Augustin Rodich Vera Bozich Marija Dukić ob. Jureta Mile Lovrić Vera Ćosić

Wednesday - Srijeda, December 3, 2008

7:30 a.m. Lena & Dom Marino family
Marie Crosby Eva & Sam Madia
Simeone Velcich kćeri

Thursday - Četvrtak, December 4, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško Marija Dukić ob. Jureta Štefa Vehabović

friends Angeline Smith & Catherine Pistoresi

Friday - Petak, December 5, 2008

7:30 a.m. Scully Scalise
Barbara Wilkie
Marge & John Sobocan
Mary & Angelo Pesce
Stanley Katalinic
Iva i Marijan Knezović
Giggie
family
Chris & Matt Pesce
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Josie Hanson
ob. Marko Knezović

Saturday – Subota, December 6, 2008 Feast of St. Nicholas

7:30 a.m. Mary Pinotti family Nikola Mišetić Maria E. Sipich Marija Dukić Božo i Stoja Kosir

5:30 p.m. Tony Doria
Stanley Szatkowski
Raul Calamante
Frank & Connie Fratto
Grace Haptas
Dumica Tanfara

Bazan family
Szatkowski family
Rodriguez-Kozina family
family
sister-in-law Jane
Sally Jo Courtney

Sunday - Nedjelja, December 7, 2008

7:30 a.m. Al & Millie Mucenski family Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško Carlos Iglesias Iglesias family

9:30 a.m. Iva Mišetić Maria E. Sipich Ted Haptas sister Jane Iva & Luka Majić Majić family Scully Scalise Michael P. Bratich Tony Doria Kay Siani Marty Miloslavich Eleanor & Jerry Plisic Elizabeth Woodham Mark & Gina Gusich Roberta Bova Mossman family Marion Curran Giggie

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Andrija i Luca Lišnić

unuke Ljubica McCartney i Ankica Brčić Ruža Šumera Boško Obradović Petar i Joza Zelić sin Ilija i ob. Božo i Stoja Kosir Janja i Andy Samardžić Neva Zelić sa ob. Frano Brajković Ante Anić ob. Josip i Anđa Novak ob. Žolo Marija Dukić Anka Uremović ob. Dragica i Lovro Rudman Lucija Prša Josip i Kata Bajzec Ivan i Anđa Miletić Ilija i Ružica Miletić Rafo Rogić kumovi Krpan ob. Živko Knezović Marijan i Iva Knezović Ivan Zeba Luca Zeba Goran Anušić ob. Ankica Golub Juraj Bralo ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun Šima Pavković sestra Anica Ostojić Kata i Dragan Trošćan Ivan i Iva Mišetić Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško Pok. iz ob. Blažević Slavica Blažević Dec. of Bozich & Grzetich families Joe & El Dec. members of Club Poljica Club Poljica

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto Sun., Dec. 7, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic Sun., Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass Sun., Dec. 7, 11:00 a.m. Mario Pehar, Milan Žolo i Anđela Bajić.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Dec. 7, 11:00 a.m. D. Jureta, E. Ljevar, A. Barun, T. Čuvalo, I. Jureta

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the First Sunday of Advent

The focus of Advent is *watchfulness*.

And we truly need to be on the watch. We are of course waiting for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. We also await his coming to us at the time of our death. Since both times are hidden from us, we should maintain a state of watchfulness so that we are ready to meet the Lord at any moment.

Maybe that is the purpose of Advent. It gives us a jolt. It issues a wakeup call to us. It provides us with a chance to start being watchful again. We can easily become Christians by habit only. We might just be going through the motions: praying, but • not with our hearts, or "being Christians" without living our faith. So we might need to wake up.

Three times in today's Gospel passage Jesus tells his disciples to "stay awake." The call to stay awake is meant for us too. It is a very appropriate call for the beginning of the new



liturgical year. It's an ideal opportunity to wake up to the grandeur of our God-given WATCH For dignity, and to try to live accordingly.

> Advent calls us to wake up. To shake off

the dust of neglect, and to let Christ come alive in our lives once more. Watch for him in the day-to-day moments of your life!

WISDOM'S CORNER

Pope John finished his watch

From the moment of his election. Pope John XXIII was aware that his reign would probably be short, once dryly remarking, "One who becomes pope at 77 does not have a great future." Then he added, "One who trusts in God has no reason to fear anything, not even the surprise of death."

To a delegation of seminarians who came to congratulate him on his 80th birthday he said cheerfully, "Any day is a good day to be born and any day is a good day to die. We have arrived at the start of our 81st year. Shall we finish it? It is no great matter."

Soon after, he was troubled by a recurrence of an old disorder. He told one of his doctors, "They say I have a tumor. Very well, then, God's will be done. You mustn't worry about me. My bags are packed and I am ready to go." When Communion was brought to him he said, "I have been able to follow my path step by step. Now I am going sweetly to the end." He died at the age of 81 on June 3, 1963, watchful for the coming of the Lord.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"It is not what we gain but what we give/ that measures the worth of the life we live."



Interesting Encounters

What kinds of people do we meet? On the streets of our city we encounter a variety of people. They are all interesting in some way. Have you ever paused for a moment on any of our busy streets and watched people's various facial expressionssmiling, serious, harried, hurried? Have you, during the past few months, encountered any homeless people begging for money, and asked them how they are doing, or why they are in such a situation?

The other day, while walking along a busy street, I happened upon a young man who was singing. He was very spirited, entertaining and talented. I approached him and told him he was wasting his time on the street because, with his talent he should look for a job as an entertainer. To my surprise he told me that no one had ever said that to him, and that he would take my advice.

As I began to walk away, he stopped me and said. "Sir, I promise to take your advice. I think I have talent too." Then we parted company. I headed south and he headed west, each in his own direction.

Yes, it is interesting to observe and encounter the people around you. The season we begin today, the Advent season, is truly a time for encounters. It is a time for various encounters with different people, and a time to encounter God in our surroundings. He can be found in others!

Fraternally, Fr. Joe

Your feedback to JGrbes@gmail.com is appreciated

Build up your spirit with 5-minute Advent exercises! Advent is a season for spiritual reflection. Take 5 minutes a day this Advent to deepen your spirit with our free small Advent booklets in the back of the church, as well as the everyday meditations inserted in our bulletin. Try both, stick with at least one!

ST. JEROME PARISH BULLETIN

Help needy kids with our Advent Giving Tree

Gifts will be accepted until Dec 14th. Please read the instructions on the Advent Giving Tree ornament and attach the ornament to the gift when you drop off so that it is easier to sort. The St. Jerome Youth Service Corps needs volunteers to join and help us. We hope to deliver A LOT of gifts this year and if you can help sort and deliver, that would be great! **Thank you!**

Invitation to Prayer: All parishioners are invited to participate in our Family Prayer Hour each evening between 6 and 7, or as your schedules allow. We began this movement on Oct. 1st! JOIN US TODAY! MAKE A FAMILY COMMITMENT!

Welcome to Visiting Missionary who will help us help starving children worldwide

This weekend we welcome to our parish community, <u>Rev. Jack O'Malley</u>, a missionary who will speak at all Masses on behalf of <u>Cross International</u>, a Catholic organization that fights starvation by wisely funding projects to feed the hungry.



St. Jerome H.S.A. News:

H.S.A. Sponsors *Dinner* With St. Nick

Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 6th, anytime from 4 to 8 p.m. Our theme is "Christmas around the World." We will have trees decorated representing four countries, and desserts from those countries. Dinner for adults is \$10.00 and children \$5.00. Dinner will include: salad, mostaccioli, sausage or meatballs, 1 beverage, and 1 dessert. Beer and wine available. Picture packages are \$15.00 and will include one 5x7, two 4x6, and ten wallet. Will also have our famous raffle prizes, featuring a Wii video system. Any questions call Eva 842-5485. Please come with family and friends and celebrate Christmas with us. If you can help us help our School by baking ethic treats for this dinner, please pick up a form in the back of the church. Thanks!

A letter about "Spare Change for Babies" "To the Fathers at St. Jerome's:

St. Jerome collected a total of \$3,294.50 in this year's Baby Bottle Project. This is an incredible blessing to the Women's Centers and the women and babies we serve. To you and your parishioners we express our sincere appreciation."

Calendar of December Events:

Friday, Dec. 5

St. Jerome's Children's choir will be performing at **City Hall** from Noon to 1:00 P.M. The children will be singing on the first floor near the Christmas Tree in the stairwell area. Our children's rendition of some of your favorite carols will be sure to give you some Christmas spirit.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Dinner with Santa in our school hall from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. celebrating the traditional feast of St. Nick with a 'Christmas Around the World' theme.

Sunday, Dec. 14

Croatian School Christmas program performance at <u>Museum of Science and Industry's</u> "Christmas Around the World" event at 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18
St. Jerome Schoolchildren's Christmas program at 7 p.m. in our church

Saturday, Dec. 20

Croatian School 'Cardinal Stepinac' Christmas program at 6:30 p.m. in our school hall

Sunday, Dec. 21

Evening of Reconciliation to prepare for Christmas holy days. Several priests available for Sacrament of Confession at 6:00 p.m. in our church.

Congratulations to our St. Jerome School alumni doing well in high school!

- On the "A Honor Roll" at Queen of Peace High School: Nancy Babić, Elena Bilonić, and Ozana Paraga.
- © Freshman Alyssa Dengler, an Honor Roll student at Fenwick High School, made the school's Varsity basketball team. Fenwick's team is currently ranked 3rd in the State by the Sun-Times and 4th by the Tribune. May they be blessed with a good season!