

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, September 8, 2008
Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. Frank Mangiaracina wife
 Mary Harzich Dolly Capinegro
 Joe Cubelic Mary & Debbie
 Za duše u čistilištu Anica Ostojčić

Tuesday – Utorak, September 9, 2008

7:30 a.m. Frank Fratto Mary Fratto
 Johnny Nagy Theresa Nagy
 Theodore Haptas Carm Parrilli
 Peter Tijardovich M/M Matt Dosen
 Na nakanu ob. Maroš

Wednesday – Srijeda, September 10, 2008

7:30 a.m. Jean Zekich M/M Wroblewski
 Augustin Rodich Zvonko Barbarić family
 Paul Begich Mike & Lisa Bozich
 Nizetić family family

Thursday – Četvrtak, September 11, 2008

7:30 a.m. Joseph Valenti brother Ross
 Johnny Nagy Mary & Stipe Tokić family
 Theodore Haptas Wilkie family
 Ann Marasovich family

Friday – Petak, September 12, 2008
Holy Name of Mary

7:30 a.m. Scully Scalise Diana Skukan
 Fra Mladen Čuvalo ob. Ivan i Iva Mišetić
 Marija Bajama Ana Novak
 Za duše u čistilištu N.N.

Saturday – Subota, September 13, 2008

7:30 a.m. James Roti Marion
 Joe Cubelic M/M Robert Humbert
 Neda Roscich Louzon family

5:30 p.m. Tony Doria Mary Wilkie
 Frank Fratto Frank & Luanne Munizzi
 Jean Howard Kay Foley
 Margie Balzano Dolores Crane
 Barbara Eybel Simon Čondić
 Carmella Beckett M/M Angelo Ciaravino

Sunday – Nedjelja, September 14, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Robert Hanson John & Gen Botica
 Eva Balich family
 Mary Di Pasquale Chris & Matt Pesce
 Deceased of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers
 Deceased of Bozinovich family Bob

9:30 a.m. Marty Miloslavich 8th Grade Class
 Joseph DiCarlo family
 Mary Harzich John & Gen Botica
 Jean Zekich Rodriguez-Kozina family
 Scully Scalise John Bogovic
 Jacob Grubišić family
 Margie Balzano Mark Gusich

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić Boris Tomačić
 Augustin Rodich St. Jerome Choirs
 Robert Jurlina Jurlina family
 Slavka Buškain John & Nada Pastuović
 Biserka Marušić ob. Tomica Marušić
 Andrija i Nikola Novak Josip i Anđa Novak
 Zorka Dušević Napredak
 Luca Belgarbo nečka Lovre Perajica
 Rafael Rogić ob. Spahija
 Mara Barbarić Anica Ostojčić
 Raymond Maynet Ivica Kuhtić
 Marija Lenkić ob. Bugarija
 Luca Markić Ankica Došen
 Marija Dukić Hrvatska Žena
 Andrija Zovko Louis & Mary Scalise
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS

Sat., Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto
Sun., Sept. 14, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic
Sun., Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., Sept. 14, 11:00 a.m. Antonia Kraljević,
 Anđela Bajić, Milan Žolo

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m. Bova, Racinowski, Rubio
Sun., Sept. 14, 7:30 a.m. Balazs, Iglesias
Sun. Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m. Carrasco, A. Insalaco,
 Rudmin
Sun., Sept. 14, 11:00 a.m. D. Paraga, S. Adjaip,
 M. Šego, K. Šego, M. Golub

BANNS OF MATRIMONY


Stjepan Mišetić & Mary Fons (I)
 Danny Dorkin & Annette Pinkos (I)

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.”

Without rain even the best ground turns into a desert. Sometimes when the rain eventually comes, the ground is so hard that it can't be penetrated by the rain. So it is with the human heart when it becomes hard. To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart can't feel, can't respond, can't love. A hard heart can't experience sorrow, but neither can it experience joy. A hard heart is a closed heart, so it can't receive. A hard heart is a barren heart. A hard heart is the most serious handicap of all.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing. True, it makes one vulnerable, but a soft heart can also be touched,

moved, warmed. It can receive. It can be saddened but it can also be gloriously happy. It can respond.

Jesus came not just to purify our hearts, but to soften them, to open them, to sow the seed of God's word in them. Softened by the rain of God's grace, and warmed by the sun of his love, the human heart can be turned from a desert into a garden.

WISDOM'S CORNER

The empty bottle

A woman went to her doctor with a catalogue of complaints about her health. The doctor examined her thoroughly and became convinced that there was nothing physically wrong with her. He suspected it was her negative outlook on life—her bitterness and resentment.

The wise physician took the woman into a room in his office where he kept some of his medicine. He showed her a shelf with empty bottles and said to her, “See those bottles? They are all empty and differently shaped, but basically all alike. Most importantly, they have nothing in them. Now, I can take a bottle and fill it with poison or I can fill it with healing medicine. The important thing is that *I make the choice.*”

Each day we are given is basically like one of these empty bottles. We can choose to fill it with love and life-affirming thought and attitudes, or we can fill it with destructive, poisonous thoughts. The choice is ours. Will we choose positive, healing thoughts, or the seething poisons of anger and bitterness?

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“The most terrible thing that can happen to a heart is not that it might be broken, but that it might harden.”

Dear Friends!

At a recent conference in Phoenix I met a person who works in the field of television. During a brief conversation with her I discovered that she lives in New Orleans and is the director of a TV program that is seen throughout the world. This person is known to many in America. She is a part of a project called FOCUS Worldwide Television. She mentioned in conversation that the creator of this project is the former archbishop of New Orleans, Phillip Hannan. At the mention of his name I smiled because I was happy to hear this. She asked me why I smiled so, and I said, “Archbishop Hannan ordained me on February 7, 1993, in New York!” “Impossible,” she replied, “let's call him.” She reached him by phone and sure enough, he immediately remembered me and my colleague with whom I was ordained. He remembered very keenly, although he is now 95 years old. Perhaps it is interesting to add that Archbishop Hannan was President Kennedy's personal advisor, and also presided at President Kennedy's funeral, as he later did at Jackie Kennedy's funeral. He was a chaplain for the American army during WWII, when he also intervened to save the cathedral in Koln, Germany, and participated in the liberation of a concentration camp in Germany. I am fortunate that my life's path crossed his. How wonderful!



Fraternally,
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Velika Gospa Report:

Once again we thank you very much for your help and participation in our Velika Gospa feast. Here is the final and third part of our financial report:

Raffle tickets

Sold:	\$65,000.00
Prize money expense:	\$30,000.00
Proceeds:	\$35,000.00

Thanks to all for selling and buying our tickets. Once again, congratulations to the winners!

Velika Gospa 2008 pictures are now online Relive the memories of that perfect day! See the photo slideshow at www.stjeromecroatian.org — first, click on the American flag; then click on “Bulletins”; and finally, click on “Velika Gospa 2008 slideshow.” (The “Velika Gospa Newsletter” is also available on that same web page.)

Next Week: Special Wedding Anniversaries.

All couples who are celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60-year anniversaries are asked to call the rectory (312-842-1871) and let us know so that we can plan ahead for this special Mass to be held next Sunday at the 9:30 Mass in our church.

Religious Education (CCD) registration

Registration for CCD classes will be held on **Sunday, September 14 from 9 a.m. until noon** in the school hall. Classes begin on Sunday, September 21, promptly at 9:30 a.m. Fees: \$60 per student; \$85 for 2 or more siblings; books/materials \$15 per student.

Parish Council Meeting — Our first meeting after the summer will be held this Monday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. We welcome back our Parish Council members. We are grateful that they take their time to help in our parish leadership.

BAPTISM

Our parish community welcomes a new member who receives the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend:

Christian James Bertucci, the son of Dominic Bertucci and Angela nee Balzano. His Godparents are Debby Bertucci and Joseph Christiano.

Congratulations to the family and friends, and may God bless little Christian!

Please pray for our beloved deceased

- ◇ **Anka Uremovic**, age 84, was buried from our church last week at St. Mary's cemetery.
- ◇ **Mary DiPasquale-Ciaravino**, age 86, was also buried from our church last week at Queen of Heaven cemetery.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to their family and friends. *May they rest in God's peace.*

5K Fun Run/Walk for School

St. Jerome School will be participating in a 5K Fun Run/Walk with other area Catholic schools **this Saturday, September 13**. This special event will be held at the Nativity of Our Lord Gymnasium, 3700 S. Lowe. Our share of the proceeds will go into **a Technology Fund** for our students. Registration forms and more information can be found in back of Church. Call Mr. Trumblay at 312-842-7668 for more.

St. Jerome's Book Club is back

— Calling *all* book lovers! New members always welcomed! St. Jerome Book Club will reconvene in the Small Hall behind the church, 7:00 p.m., **this Wednesday, September 10**. We will discuss **“Between Sisters”** by Kristen Hannah.