# MASS INTENTIONS



Monday - Ponedjeljak, April 4, 2005 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 A.M. Grace Borovina family
Andrija i Luca Lišnić obitelj Bajić
James Gurgone wife & children
Danny Relich Catherine & Nick Perisin

# Tuesday - Utorak, April 5, 2005

**7:30 A.M.** Matthew Botica Giggie Cortese John Townsend Mr. & Mrs. Joe Serio Rose Roe Frano & Carol Marasovich

# Wednesday - Srijeda, April 6, 2005

**7:30 A.M.** Phyllis Bertucci Josie Hanson Helen Ursetta Marion Segvich John Townsend Catherine & Nick Perisin

# Thursday - Četvrtak, April 7, 2005

**7:30 A.M.** Rafael Rogić Zlatan Dodig Marie Diamond Catherine & Nick Perisin Nick LoCoco Jackie & George Dombrowski

#### Friday - Petak, April 8, 2005

**7:30 A.M.** Helen Ursetta Caroline Markovich Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce Ed & Mary Depeder Catherine & Nick Perisin

# Saturday- Subota, April 9, 2005

7:30 A.M. Lena Roti
Helen Ursetta
Lee Aguilera
Lorraine/Bill Struck
Martin Miloslavich
Kathy & David Škaro
Catherine/Nick Perisin

5:30 P.M. Joyce Horvath
Eugene, Angeline, John Balzano
Dorothy Burnes
John/Anntonette Marinovich Jim/MaryAnn Saracco
Sr. Loretta Bozich
Catherine & Nick Perisin
Mary O'Shea
Beverlee & Russell Pullano

#### Sunday - Nedjelja, April 10, 2005

7:30 A.M. Al & Millie Mucenski family Linda Humbert husband Robert Kraslen family Kraslen brothers Kay Batina Carol & Frano Marasovich 9:30 A.M. Sr. Loretta Bozich Cathy Grcevic Sr. Bernadette Kraslen brothers Ricky LoCasto Rita & Chris Johnston Frank Fratto Jim & MaryAnn Saracco

# 11:00 A.M. u spomen

Ana Šestan obiteli Rafael Rogić Paul Petrie Branko Jurković supruga i djeca Ivan i Ana Mlinarić obitelj Mlinarić Deseto travanjske borce obitelj Penavić Žarko Ostojić kći Kathy Škaro kći Maia i obiteli Anto Beritić obitelj Luka Bajić Marija Dukić Richard Gip Cuthers obitelj Runac rodica Liuba Pervan Martin Pesh Tomo Lusavec obiteli Augustin Rodić Mara i Dane Karačić Ivan i Karlo Karačić sa ob. Ivo Subašić ob. Vujica i ob. Dragan Subašić



Saturday, April 9, 5:30 P.M. Rosemary Brcich Sunday, April 10, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce Sunday, April 10, 9:30 A.M. Carl Segvich Sunday, April 10, 11:00 A.M. Anđela Bajić i Zrinka Jureta



**Saturday, April 9, 5:30 P.M.** Babich, Gonzalez, Perseghin

**Sunday, April 10, 7:30 A.M.** M. Olague, S. Olague

Sunday, April 10, 9:30 A.M. Miloslavich, Sanchez, A. Sarkauskas Sunday, April 10, 11:00 A.M. I. Jurković, J.

Jureta, A. Kraljević, A. Kosić, D. Bajić

#### **WEDDING BANNS**

Cynthia Pervan – Eric Von Zee (1)

**For Rent:** Apt. on 25th Pl. 3 large bdrms, 2nd flr frnt, new appliances, carpeting, enclosed porch. Call 630-904-6774.

► For Rent: Vic. 31st Princeton - 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen. Call evenings 312-842-6176

► For Rent: 4 rooms, Vicinity of 32nd and Wells. Call 773-538-4515

► For Rent: 1st Fl. 29th&Shields, 5 rooms, recently remodeled.Hd.Wd.Flrs.Carpeting,cable 312 593 2864.

# **WEEKLY MEDITATION** — 2nd Sunday of Easter



There is a universal human need for the visible, the concrete, the tangible. Hence, we can sympathize with Thomas when he declared that he would not believe the Lord was risen unless he actually touched Him. Why did Thomas insist that he had to touch Jesus? Wasn't seeing Him enough? He had to touch Him in order to be healed. He had seen others healed by touching Him. Some of these were healed by touching just the hem of His robe, so strong was their faith, but Thomas' faith was so weak that he had to touch Jesus himself. In truth, Thomas was the wounded one. His mind was darkened by doubt. His heart was broken with grief. Even though these wounds were invisible, they were very real and very painful, but Jesus was able to see them. It was He who touched Thomas' wounds, and so made him whole and well again.

The human heart is healed only by the presence of another human being who understands human pain. The Lord's wounds help us to recognize our own wounds, and to find healing for them. His wounds were caused by love. They were the proof of His love. They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd suffered for the sake of His sheep. Christian faith is essentially faith in a Person who loves us — and has the wounds to prove it. That person is Jesus. At the heart of biblical faith is not only the faith we have in God, but the faith God has in us. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." This is meant as an encouragement to us who are asked to believe without being able to see or touch Jesus.

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**MANY THANKS** We are grateful to you, our dear parishioners and friends, for your most generous Easter donations and gifts. A list of those who donated for flowers can be found at the rear of the church. God bless you for your kindness and loving support of our parish!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be observed today, Sunday, April 3, with prayers and devotions in our church at 3 p.m. We invite everyone to participate.

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# St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt: \$400,000

Donated to Date: \$105,365

March donations: \$ 6,225. 00

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 11,900

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

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BOOK OF PRAYER INTENTIONS can be found at the entrance to our church. On its pages we invite you to list your special intentions, the names of those who are ill, or any other prayer requests. The book is presented during the Offertory procession at Sunday masses each week and placed on the altar.

# WISDOM'S CORNER Who finished first?

Three men set out on a journey. Each carried 2 sacks around his neck — one in front and one in back. Guess who finished first.

The first man was asked what was in his sacks. "In this one on my back I carry all the kind deeds of my friends," he said. "In that way they are out of sight and out of mind and I don't have to do anything about them. They're soon forgotten. This sack in front carries all the unkind things people do to me. I pause in my journey every day and take them out to study. It slows me down, but nobody gets away with anything."

The second man said he kept his own good deeds in his front sack. "I constantly keep them before me. It give me pleasure to take them out and air them, "he said.

"The sack on your back seems heavy," someone remarked. "What's in it?"

"Merely my little mistakes," said the second man. "I always keep them on my back."

The third man was asked what he kept in *his* sacks. "I carry my friends' kind deeds in this front sack," he said.

"It looks full. It must be heavy," said an observer.

"No," said the third man, "it is big, but not heavy. Far from being a burden, it is like the sails of a ship. It helps me move ahead."

"I noticed that the sack behind you has a hole in the bottom," said the observer. "It seems empty and of very little use."

"That's where I put all the evil I hear from others," said the third man. "It just falls out and is lost, so I have no weight to impede me."

#### What Faith Does

Some people think that if you have enough faith life will be smooth sailing for you, but this is not so. The fact that we can

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swim doesn't prevent us from being knocked about by the waves. In the same way, faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life or death. What, then, does faith do? It gives us bearing and thus enables us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair. Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them, so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than us all. This power is the power of God, who brought His Son Jesus back from the dead.

### SCHOOL FUND RAISER

St. Jerome School is sponsoring a "Texas Hold-em" tournament raffle on Saturday, April 23. Participants are asked to arrive at 3 p.m. for seating assignments. This event includes food, wine, and beer. The tournament begins at 4 p.m. sharp. Only 200 tickets will be sold. The last 8 players win. First Prize, up to \$10,000+ Donation \$200. For tickets call John Perseghin, 312 863 3152 or Brian Luce,312 735 7219.

# THANK YOU!

With sincere gratitude we thank the Botica family (John and Genevieve Botica, Josephine Hanson, Eva Butera) for donating one of the sacristy doors that features a beautiful stained glass window depicting St. Peter in memory of Luka Botica, and the Condic family for donating the other matching sacristy door, depicting St. Paul, in memory of Marko and Tona Condic. We also thank Rich and Jan Ferro for donating the elegant drapery used to decorate the side altar for the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday. St. Jerome Parish appreciates your thoughtfulness and generosity. God bless you!

**DOUBLE PARKING** We again ask you to refrain from double parking. The police have repeatedly warned us that they will issue tickets for double parked cars, especially now that we have another parking lot. Please use both lots!

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parishioners, It is with sincere regret that I must inform you that **Fr. Matt Ruyechan**, after much considera-



tion, has decided to leave our Franciscan Custody and return to Pennsylvania to serve as a diocesan priest in the Erie, PA diocese. Fr. Matt, who is a native of Pennsylvania, served St. Jerome Parish as pastor, and most recently provided us with much needed help in addition to his duties as Guardian of the Franciscan Monastery. We are very grateful to him for all of his wonderful work here, and will dearly miss him. On behalf of the parishioners of St. Jerome Parish I thank him and wish him God's blessings and guidance in his new ministry. Fr. Matt has asked me to extend his deepest gratitude to each and everyone of you for the love you have always shown him. Fr. Joe

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# GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW PARKING LOT

Dear Parishioners, On Sunday, April 10, we will host a special ceremony for the official opening of our new parking lot. **Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller** will join us for this occasion and preside at the 9:30 mass that morning. A brief ceremony will be held after the mass to "open" the parking lot. At 12:30 p.m. that afternoon a special luncheon will be held in our school hall as a fund raiser for the new parking lot. Please reserve this date and join us in celebration and fellowship!

**Copernicus Circle #324,** Daughters of Isabella invites you to a fun-filled afternoon at the Annual Twin Social fundraiser for Charity, next Sunday in the St. Barbara Lower School Hall.

**GOOD LISTENING** is available every day on *Relevant Radio*, the Catholic station — **820AM**.

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The most important measure of yourself is how you treat people who don't have anything to offer you."