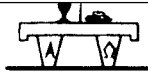


MASS INTENTIONS
Monday - Ponedjeljak, December 27, 2004
Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

7:30 A.M. Margaret Marcello family
 U zahvalu Bogu Anna Novak
 Healing of Sr. Loretta Cathy Amato
 Ante Kraljević obitelj Duško Kraljević

Tuesday - Utorak, December 28, 2004
Feast of the Holy Innocents

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Valela family
 Susan Lana Marasovich
 Mara Šušnjara Ankica Žaper i ob.

Wednesday - Srijeda, December 29, 2004

7:30 A.M. fra Ante Grbeš obitelj Ilija Zelić
 Za pok. iz ob. Runac obitelj Ante Runac
 John Marfoe Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday Četvrtak, December 30, 2004

7:30 A.M. Ivan Kosić Katica Kosić
 Janko Žužak Katica Kosić
 Chuckie Cortese wife & daughter
 Josephine Dragozetich Stella Ruggiero

Friday – Petak, December 31, 2004

7:30 A.M. Bill Lattyak Piegari family
 Ana Vrdoljak Cathy & Andrew
 Stipe Brajković Blago Planinić i obitelj

6:00 P.M. Maria Gazzi Gazzi family

Saturday- Subota, January 1, 2005
Solemnity of the BVM, Mother of God

7:30 A.M. Linda Humbert husband Robert

9:30 A.M. Joey Venditti family
 Deceased mem. of Peso family family

11:00 A.M. Rafael Rogić Anđelko Šušnjara
 Iva Šušnjara sin Anđelko Šušnjara

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 2, 2005

7:30 A.M. Angie Crispo Debbie & Mary
 Linda Humbert husband Robert
 Judy Skokal M/M L. Panatera

9:30 A.M. Joseph & Millie Bogetich children
 Anna Novak Anna Novak
 Fra Marko Kozina Marasovich family

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Jago Soldo family
 Nikica Čosić obitelj Čosić
 Miško Bašić Mate Čalkusić
 Pok. iz ob. Mora Katarina Škaro
 Marta Bulić Josip i Kata Bajzec
 Vinko Primorac Ivan i Ivica Karačić
 Ilija Golub Milan Golub i obitelj

Lectors

Saturday, January 1, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Saturday, January 1, 9:30 A.M. Carl Segvich
Saturday, January 1, 11:00 A.M. Davorka
 Toromanović
Sunday, January 2, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Sunday, January 2, 9:30 A.M. Diane Krolo
Nedjelja, 2 siječnja 11:00 A.M. Ivanka Paraga
 i Kata Morandi

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 1, 7:30 A.M. Perseghin,
 Segvich
Saturday, January 1, 9:30 A.M. Nero,
 Sarkauskas, Sarkauskas
Saturday, January 1, 11:00 A.M. A. Mlinarić,
 K. Jurković, M. Carlson, A. Kraljević
Sunday, January 2, 7:30 A.M. Gonzalez,
 Guzman
Sunday, January 2, 9:30 A.M. Montoya,
 Rodriguez, Sanchez
Nedjelja, 2 siječnja 11:00 A.M. J. Kosir, CJ
 Bušljeta, K. Kristić, J. Jureta

► **For Rent:** Recently remodeled and repainted 3rd flr, 2+bdm, hardwood flrs, appliances; \$475. Vic. 27th Princeton. Call 708 567 1591

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WEEKLY MEDITATION — Feast of the Holy Family

In our society the family is under a lot of pressure. It is not that we no longer value the family. It is that we are not prepared for the disciplines that make it work. The family is built on bonds of commitment, fidelity, and self-sacrifice. It was by living in a small community of love with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth that Jesus was able to grow in wisdom and favor with God and people. In the little community of a family we have a place, we have bonds, we have an identity, and we have roots. Even if the family knows hardship, this is not necessarily a bad thing. Hardship can be a grace. Trees that grow on hard ground have better equipped to meet the inevitable storms. firmer roots and thus are



In the family we learn to form relationships vitally important for us. Inability to relate is a great sadness. Without close relationships we are at the mercy of the cold winds of anguish and loneliness. In the little community of the family we learn to bond with others. Here we make room for others in our lives, learn to share with one another, and become responsible to and for one another. Of course, being so close involves risk. We have the possibility of helping and healing one another, but we also have the possibility of hindering and hurting one another. Harmony in the family can be achieved only by the practice of the virtues St. Paul talks about: kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, mutual forgiveness, and above all, love. These are the virtues that build and foster community. Of all the influences upon us, the family is by far the most powerful. Its effects stay with us for a lifetime. The Holy Family is a model for our families. Let us draw inspiration from Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS: *A gift of love wrapped in human flesh and tied securely with the strong promises of God.*

WISDOM'S CORNER *The gift of life...*

A young boy was told by the family doctor that he could save his sister's life by giving her some of his blood. The 6 year-old sister was near death due to an illness her brother had recovered from only 2 years earlier. Her only chance for survival was a blood transfusion from someone who had previously conquered the illness, so her brother was the ideal donor. When the doctor asked the boy if he would give his blood, he hesitated, trembling, then said, "Sure, Doctor, I'll give my blood for Mary." Soon the 2 children were wheeled into the operating room. Neither spoke, but their eyes met and the little boy smiled at his sister. The ordeal was almost over when the boy thought he noticed his sister getting stronger and his brave voice broke the silence. "Okay, Doctor, she's getting better now. Can you tell me, when do I die?" It was only then that the doctor, overcome with emotion, realized this 9 year-old thought that in giving his blood to his sister he was giving up his own life! As he choked back tears, he gently reassured the boy saying, "Son, you're not going to die, but because you gave your blood, your little sister will live." *What a gift!*

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt: \$400,000

Donated to Date: \$ 88, 945

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 11,900

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

PLEASE NOTE

- **Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving at 6 p.m.**
 - **Masses on New Year's Day same as on Sunday**
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Our Beloved Deceased On December 12, **Sr. Bernadette Gregorich** was called *home* to "see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of God!" Sister was 88 years old and a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ for 71 years. One of 12 children, she was born in Johnstown, PA to parents who emigrated from Croatia. Sister Bernadette taught in Chicago for many years at St. Jerome and Assumption schools. Here at St. Jerome she served as a teacher and principal. She also greatly enjoyed the ministry of visiting the elderly Croatian parishioners of St. Jerome. Her loving, caring attentiveness to others will be missed but always remembered. May she now live and rejoice in God's eternal presence.

A Christmas Prayer for Peace on Earth

Great God of Peace, we celebrate the birth of Your Son Jesus remembering the words of the angels on the night of His birth, "Peace on earth to all of good will."

Today, as never before, Heavenly Father, we pray for Your loving peace. May peace be the guiding force in the hearts of our world leaders. May peace reign in every corner of the globe and in the hearts of every man, woman, and child upon this earth.

This Christmas and always, may we embrace Your wonderful gift of peace with courage and conviction. In so doing, we will also be embracing Your greatest gift to us, Your Son, the Prince of Peace! Amen

KRŠTENI / BAPTIZED IN 2004 (continued)

Felecia Kotowsky - Oct. 31
 Cada Rose Stegmiller – Nov. 6
 Izabella Eva Grlica – Nov. 7
 Marco Mate Signoretto – Nov. 7
 Joseph Phillip Russo – Nov. 7
 Adrian Jake Zavala – Nov. 7
 Anthony Jure Miočić – Nov. 14
 Taylor Ashleigh Austin – Nov. 17
 Violeta Ana Marović – Nov. 20
 Jodi Margaret Condos – Nov. 20
 Daniel Petar Dalić – Nov. 21
 Grace Victoria Keller – Dec. 5
 Nicholas William Scardino – Dec. 19

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**VJENČANI / MARRIED IN 2004 (continued)**

Victoria Bede & Nicholas Cordova – Oct. 9
 Rosemarie Folino & Joseph Pecora – Oct. 22
 Amy Vari & Michael Carioscia – Oct. 23
 Maria Kovandova & Francis Penavić – Oct. 23
 Ana Čulina & George Bumbaris – Oct. 30
 Barbara Batinić & Filip Čović – Nov. 13
 Dawn Baker & Mark Jović – Nov. 20
 Judy Bahl & Gregory Nikolich – Nov. 26
 Patricia Palomino & George McNamara – Dec. 3

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU
 IN EACH OTHER'S LOVE!**

To all those who have lost a loved one this year, we dedicate this special poem.

Christmas  Greetings

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HEAVEN

I still hear the songs, I still see the lights, I still feel your love on cold wintery nights.

I still share your hopes and all of your cares. I'll even remind you to please say your prayers.

I just want to tell you that you still make me proud. You stand head and shoulders above all the crowd.

Keep trying each moment to stay in His grace. I came here before you to help set your place.

You don't have to be perfect all of the time. He forgives you the slip if you continue the climb.

Dear family and friends, please be thankful today. I'm still close beside you in a new special way.

I love you all dearly but don't shed a tear, because I'm spending my Christmas with Jesus this year.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Time spent together is a Christmas gift any family can afford.”