

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday - Ponedjeljak, February 2, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** fra Ante Grbeš      Rosemary Brcich  
Mary Iacullo      Nick & Catherine LoCoco  
Stana Delich      Frank & Ginny Vulich  
Mara Šušnjara      Andjelko Šušnjara i ob.

**Tuesday - Utorak, February 3, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Edward Marasovich      family  
Zvonko Banić      Petar Jurčević i ob.  
George Mikicich      M/M Matt Pesce  
Božo Sablić      Ana Braskić

**Wednesday - Srijeda, February 4, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Nediljka Lišnić      Luka Bajić i ob.  
John Popović      Jerome  
Augustine Salamano      family

**8:05 A.M.** Anne Parrilli Siriscevich      sisters

**Thursday - Četvrtak, February 5, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Nediljka Lišnić      Stipe Tokić i ob.  
Barbara Mancari      Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Na čast sv. Anti      Dane i Tihana Jurković

**Friday - Petak, February 6, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Grgo Nikolić      obitelj  
Nediljka Lišnić      Nediljko Babić i ob.  
Marija Bon      Toni i Marija Diacci

**Saturday - Subota, February 7, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** «Ćika» Lončar      Mary Vujić  
Stipe Šušnjara      Josip i Kata Bajzec  
Marija Bon      Toni i Marija Diacci  
Mara Šušnjara      Anđelko Šušnjara i ob.

**5:30 P.M.** Peter Fratto      Mary Fratto  
Mary O'Shea      family  
Elizabeth Moroko      family  
Kate & John Kirinčić      Jean & John Kirinčić

**Sunday - Nedjelja, February 8, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Linda Humbert      husband Robert  
Stana Delich      Mary and Debbie  
Deceased of Kraslen family      Kraslen brothers

**9:30 A.M.** Anthony DeGrazia      family  
All deceased relatives      Mary Hrvol  
Carmen Tarantino      daughter Cathy Amato  
Marie Balestri      family

**11:00 A.M. u spomen**

Mirko Bandalo      Obitelj Bandalo  
Ivo Paljetak      Tony i Maryann Pehar  
Za Širokobriješke mučenike      Ivo Kosir i ob.  
Katica Hobar      M/M James Sutera  
Ivan Ivanko      Vesna Krišto  
Joza i Petar Zelić      Ilija Zelić i ob.  
Marija Antolović      sestra Milica i ob.  
Tomislav Hostička      Tomislav Lišnić i ob.

**Lectors**

**Saturday, February 7, 5:30 P.M.** Joseph Magyar

**Sunday, February 8, 7:30 A.M.** Maryann Ciaravino

**Sunday, February 8, 9:30 A.M.** Carl Segvich  
**Nedjelja, 8. veljače 11:00 A.M.** Anđela Bajić i Mara Kosir

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, February 7, 5:30 P.M.** Ciaravino, Dengler, Ferro

**Sunday, February 8, 9:30 A.M.** Atteo, Bertucci, Montoya

**Nedjelja, 8. veljače, 11:00 A.M.** J. Jureta, J. Kosir, S. Šušnjara, N. Babić, T. Kikaš

**WEDDING BANS**

Jadranka Karačić - Ronald Signoreto (3)  
Katarina Goreta - Mate Crnjac (2)  
Angela Trezza - Anthony DeGrazia (1-2)

## WEEKLY MEDITATION

**SAINT BLASE** We know more about the devotion to St. Blase by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in the Eastern Church. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor. For decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blase blessing for their throats. We know that Bishop Blase was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary ACTS of ST. BLASE tells us that Blase was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Because persecution raged in Armenia, Blase was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but made friends with the animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blase's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions, and bears. As the hunters hauled Blase off to prison, the legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blase's command the child was able to cough up the bone. This Sunday we pray: *"Through the intercession of St. Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* **(Blessing of St. Blase)**

**NEW AT ST. JEROME** Do you need advice, help, words of comfort and healing? "Care Notes" are now available in the rear of our church. These are pamphlets that address the themes of depression, prayer, suffering, illness, unanswered prayers, etc. Take them home with you. We hope that they will be of help



**SECOND COLLECTION** today is for the needs of the seminary where young men are preparing for the priesthood. We are sincerely grateful for your gifts that will help to maintain the seminary.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** holds meetings each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in our small hall.



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, February 2, 2004, 7:00 P.M.

*Meetings This Week*

**Mark Your Calendar** **CARDINAL STEPINAC DAYS** - St. Jerome Parish and Cardinal Stepinac Croatian School are organizing special days to honor Blessed Stepinac.

- **On Saturday, February 7,** a concert will be held at Healy School (3001 S. Wallace) at **5 P.M.** featuring performances by 3 Croatian folklore groups: Cardinal Stepinac (St. Jerome), Cardinal Stepinac (New York), and Croatian Vines (Chicago). The program will feature songs and dances from all parts of Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. This evening of entertainment and celebration will continue with food, refreshments, and dancing in St. Jerome School Hall.
- **On Sunday, February 8, the 11 A.M.** mass will be celebrated in honor of Bl. Stepinac. Afterwards a program and banquet will be held in our school hall.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in our church. We invite everyone to this evening of prayer and visitation with Our Lord.



**THE CROSS AND US** We know that in your homes there are beautiful pictures and many decorative objects, but we wonder if you have a crucifix, the universal sign of the Christian faith. The cross, as the central symbol of Christian life, should be given a worthy place in your homes where it can daily remind you of the values we are called to live.

**CROATIAN CALENDAR** for 2004 has just arrived. The theme of this year's edition is the relationship between the diaspora and the homeland. It includes discussions of this topic by very interesting contributors. We recommend it to everyone. It can be purchased from Mr. Josip Novak each week in the small hall after the 11 a.m. mass.



### OFFERING JOBS—SEEKING JOBS

Dear Parishioners, as a part of this community we are connected to one another. We have something essential in common. We share the values and principles of the same faith. We are part of the same destiny. Here we raise our children, participate in the sacraments, and work together on various projects. Therefore, we hope to foster even more care for one another. In our parish community there are those who seek employment, and certainly those who can offer employment. Many of us know of places and people who can help. If you need a job or know of someone who is hiring, please notify us here at the parish office or contact us in whatever manner is convenient for you. In this way we can do something concrete to help one another. Thank you in advance for your concern and efforts to help.

### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Parishioners, we hope that you read in our bulletin the invitation to become a more active member of our parish community. We await your reply and your suggestions. We would like to hear from you. What is your perspective on our parish? What are your ideas and plans? What would you like to do? Thank you in advance for your response.



### WISDOM'S CORNER

Some Thoughts...

**God is sitting in heaven when a scientist prays to Him:**

"God, we don't need You anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what You did in the beginning."

"Oh, is that so? Tell me," replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus, creating man."

"Well, that's very interesting. Show me."

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil into the shape of a man.

"No, no, no... hold everything!" interrupts God. "Get your own dirt."

### BLESSING OF THROATS AND CANDLES

will take place this Sunday. A candle is a sign of light and a symbol of the Risen Christ. With these symbols we journey through life testifying to the power of the Gospel in us. Thus we carry this light home. May it be for us our daily food, especially in times of hardship and tears. To carry the light means to have hope and live a life of joy.

**WE RECOMMEND** to you, dear parishioners, our own parishioners, friends, and neighbors who advertise their businesses in our church bulletin. Because of their help we are able to publish our bulletin each week. As successful business people, we are confident that they will satisfy your needs. We thank you for your patronage of the fine services provided by our friends.

### WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

(February 8) Religious sisters, brothers, and priests consecrate their lives to God and the Church. Lay people may also profess vows privately to the local bishop. The whole Church is blessed through those who consecrate their lives in these various vocations. This day is an opportunity to recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated themselves to God, and to pray for future vocations to this way of life. God continues to call people to dedicate themselves this way and offers them the grace to respond.

**RECOMMENDED READING** If you wish to read a good book of poetry, we suggest the following: Murray Bodo's *The Earth Moves at Midnight and Other Poems* ( Paperback, 11 pages, \$10.95). A follower of Christ's and Saint Francis's grand tradition of teaching, Bodo is a poetic teacher. We witness the sacramental aspect of writing and the sacredness of language whether he's describing peonies or a woman in the inner city. Enjoyable reading!

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Love is never silent; it has so much to say."**