

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, February 14, 2005**

7:30 A.M. Catherine Bills Carol & Joe Giuffre
 Lady of Međugorje M/M John Botica
 Mark Sukolowsky Catherine/Nick Perisin
 Shirley/Midge Botica Catherine/Nick Perisin

Tuesday - Utorak, February 15, 2005

7:30 A.M. Rafael Rogić Petar Žaper
 Biserka Marušić obitelj Marušić
 Luka Botica Sandy & Pete Schurla

Wednesday - Srijeda, February 16, 2005

7:30 A.M. Ivan Dlačić Valerija Babić
 Sharon Pruzinas Caroline Markovich
 Luka Botica Sandy & Pete Shurla

8:05 A.M. Louis Bali Mossman family

Thursday - Četvrtak, February 17, 2005

7:30 A.M. Gus Damico family
 Sr. Loretta Joan Sipich
 Katica Hobar Danica Maroš
 Ivan Dušević Stjepan Barnjak

Friday – Petak, February 18, 2005

7:30 A.M. Ray Biamonte Jr. & Mamie
 Matilda Jurčić obitelj Božo i Stoja Kosir
 Luka Botica Catherine & Nick Perisin

Saturday- Subota, February 19, 2005

7:30 A.M. Katica Hobar Danica Maroš
 Lady of Međugorje M/M John Botica
 Stipo Matijević Luca Zeba i obitelj
 John & Anntonette Marinovich
 Jim & Mary Ann Saracco

5:30 P.M. Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 James Sutera Iva Čubelić i obitelj
 Joseph Sestito Rose Marie Sestito
 Luka Botica Frank & Luanne Munizzi
 Nick LoCoco M/M Bobby Cannatello & son

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 20, 2005

7:30 A.M. Ernesta Crispo Mary & Debbie
 Luka Botica Mary Balich Vujić

Linda Humbert husband Robert
 Nick LoCoco Charles & Patricia Marino

9:30 A.M. Catherine Bills Cathy Amato
 Anthony DeGrazia wife & family
 Sue Bozich Uncle Stretch & Aunt Eleanore
 Danny Relich Juliana & Charles DiCaro

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Ivan Kosić Katica Kosić
 Nenci Jakubin Marija Jakubin
 Mila Tomić Ivan i Iva Mišetić
 Stana Marić obitelj Stipe Tokić
 Mariana Čubelić obitelj Anka Pervan
 Josip i Manda Obranović ob. Marko Obranović
 Ob. Ivan i Manda Jurilj ob. Ante i Anica Lončar
 Mile Hrvojević Mara i Mario Romanović
 Marko Delić obitelj Luka i Renata Zoko

Lectors

Saturday, February 19, 5:30 P.M. Robert Bazan

Sunday, February 20, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, February 20, 9:30 A.M. Domingo Rodriguez

Sunday, February 20, 11:00 A.M. Mario Pehar i Ivica Kuhtić

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, February 19, 5:30 P.M. Ferro, LoCoco, Rubio

Sunday, February 20, 7:30 A.M. Guzman, Lopez

Sunday, February 20, 9:30 A.M. Passi, A. Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas

Sunday, February 20, 11:00 A.M. I. Babić, CJ Bušljeta, D. Jurković, N. Babić

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

► **For Rent: Vic. of 32nd Wells - 3 bedrooms, newly remodeled, appliances included. For information call 773 538 4515**

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WEEKLY MEDITATION

First Sunday of Lent

What did temptation mean for Jesus? It meant the same as it meant for Adam and Eve, and it means the same for us—choosing between good and evil, between doing God’s will and one’s own will. Since Jesus and the saints were tempted, we can’t hope to escape it. The struggle is between the passions of the flesh and the longings of the spirit. This struggle, with its almost inevitable falls, is not something to be ashamed of. Our struggle is not to try never to fall, but to fall, to rise, and to go on in spite of everything. Jesus, too, suffered and struggled. His victory was not easily won. Temptation forces us to choose good over evil. The struggle to overcome it makes us stronger.

February — Season of Lent

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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 will be presented during the Offertory procession at Sunday masses each week and placed on the altar.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, February 19-20, will be taken for the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL.. Cardinal George writes: “Our Catholic faith is a priceless gift from God. We are called by God to share this gift and to experience the miracle that this gift is never diminished when we share it.” Through the support given to the Appeal, parishes, schools, religious education, families, and those with special needs receive help and resources, thereby sharing in our Catholic faith.

ST. JEROME H.S.A. \$13,000.00 RAFFLE tickets are now available. Only 250 tickets have been printed. First prize \$10,000; second prize \$1,000; third prize \$1,000; 4th prize \$500; 5th prize \$500. Drawing will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20. Donation: \$100 per ticket. Please contact Fr. Joe or Cathi Wilkie at 312-808-0641

CONGRATULATIONS to Markie Racinowski, a graduate of our school, who earned honor roll status for the second quarter at McAuley H.S.

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt: \$400,000

Donated to Date: \$ 95,245

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 11,900

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

WISDOM’S CORNER *Who knows best?*

There were three shepherds who were each responsible for a flock of sheep. One winter’s night all were awakened by the howling of a wolf. The first was about to get out of bed when he heard the rain beating against his window. He decided to stay in bed. The second got out of bed, dressed, and went to the door. Upon opening it he was hit by sleety rain. He decided to return to his warm bed. The third got up, dressed, and went outside where he had to contend with rain, wind, darkness, and cold, but he stuck to his task until all the sheep were secure, and got a nasty cold for his efforts. Which of the three shepherds knew most about the rain, the wind, and the dark?

The good person who resists temptation knows more about its power than the weakling who submits at the very onset of it.

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A Matter of Life
The word “Lent” is an ancient word for spring. The season of Lent is a time in our personal lives for new life to appear, and for old frozen attitudes to disappear. It is a time to clear the ground, to clear away rubbish. It is also a time for sowing, so that one day, on the Day of the Lord, there will be a harvest. Lent is also a time of instruction. Faith comes by hearing, which certainly includes reading, study, and good conversation. Today it would include the communication that comes from good film and art. Faith needs to grow, to ask questions, and to reflect on the answers. To grow in faith calls for an alert and attentive person, one who listens. The person of faith listens to others and to self, to one’s speech and to one’s conscience, and at the same time also listens to the world. Lent is also a time for reflection. Reflect on the direction of your life, your awareness of the Father, the use of your time, power, and personal gifts. A serious spiritual effort in Lent will keep that reflection from becoming an empty gesture, and will sow the seeds of the Easter victory.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE SICK

On Sunday, February 27, at 9:30 a.m., the Parish Council will sponsor a mass for the homebound and sick of our parish, namely, those who are unable to attend Sunday mass. Even though they are remembered each Sunday at our masses, we want to celebrate a special mass for them and for their intentions. Please submit the names of parishioners who are homebound or ill by calling the rectory by February 15, so that they will be specifically remembered at that mass. We invite all of our parishioners and friends to join us for this very special liturgy.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Every Thursday evening we come before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament to adore Him from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in our church. We would like to extend the hours of adoration and have the Blessed Sacrament exposed each Thursday from noon until 9 p.m. If you would like to participate, and are able to make a visit during these hours, let us know. There must always be at least one person in church while the Eucharist is exposed.

LENTEN CONCERT

This year during Lent, the Bridgeport Choral Society will perform the *Shultz Passion Concert* in our church. This will be a fitting preface to the contemplation of Christ's suffering and crucifixion. The concert will take place on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. Please mark this special event on your calendar.

PALACINKA BREAKFAST

The annual St. Jerome School "palacinka" breakfast will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20. The winners of the H.S.A.'s \$13,000.00 Raffle will be picked and announced at this event.

PARISH FINANCES

Dear Parishioners, today we release the yearly parish financial report, which was approved by the Parish Council. If you have any questions, comments, ideas, or suggestions, please contact the parish office or speak to any of the council members.

COIN FOLDERS to be used as a means of almsgiving during the season of Lent are available in the rear of the church. Please take one.

HUMANITARIAN LUNCHEON

The *Croatian Woman, Branch 1* organization is hosting its traditional humanitarian luncheon on Palm Sunday, March 20, at the Croatian Cultural Center. The proceeds from this event go to help the needy in Croatia. More information will be forthcoming.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Almsgiving Jesus always reached out to the poor and needy. We try to think first of others. The sacrifices we make help us to live as Christ, who sacrificed Himself for us. Prayer Jesus was a man of prayer. Through prayer, each of us—like Jesus—maintains a personal relationship with God, seeking to proclaim and to do His will. Renewed personal prayer during Lent strengthens our connection with God. Fasting/Abstinence Jesus began His public ministry with a 40-day fast in the desert. We, those from age 14 to 59, are called to fast (one main meal, two smaller meals, no food in between) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on those two days and all Fridays of Lent. We have many and various "hungers" in our lives; fasting and abstinence guide us in the way of living not on bread alone, but on every word that comes from God.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Those who pass judgment on their loved ones can be mistaken. Those who forgive them are never wrong."